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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING OLIVER  
B. OWEN, WHO ADVISED LOS ANGELES  
POLICE DEPARTMENT HE HAD PICKED UP  
A HITCHHIKER HE BELIEVED IDENTICAL  
TO SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN IN LOS  
ANGELES ON JUNE 3, 1968

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/10/68

OLIVER B. OWEN, also known as Jerry and Curly, 1113 N. Mar-Les Drive, Santa Ana, California, telephone 839-0123, appeared at the FBI for interview with prior arrangements for the interview having been made through his attorney, GEORGE T. DAVIS. OWEN appeared at the office with BEN HARDISTER, a private detective and WESLEY GARDNER, a former Deputy Sheriff in Napa County. Both of these men were acting as body guards for OWEN. Prior to the interview, GARDNER advised that OWEN had been under sedation and was somewhat tired. OWEN was interviewed out of the presence of HARDISTER and GARDNER.

At the outset of the interview, OWEN was advised that he was being interviewed concerning his knowledge of an individual whom he had identified to his attorney DAVIS and the press as possibly being identical with SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and the fact that he has stated that he had received threatening calls from persons unknown.

OWEN furnished the following information:

On June 3, 1968, he was in downtown Los Angeles on business between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. He explained that he has part interest in a fighter named RIP O'RILEY. He also is a minister and has been since 1937. He said that he has approximately fifteen ponies which he keeps at his ranch at Santa Ana and takes these horses around to shopping centers to give free rides to children to get them to come to church. He said that his church is located in Oxnard, California, and that he kept some of the ponies at his ranch in Oxnard. His purpose for being in Los Angeles on June 3, 1968 was to pick up some sporting goods for O'RILEY at the United Sporting Goods Store. He picked up a pair of boxing shoes, a white robe, some trunks and other equipment.

He had purchased his merchandise at the sporting goods store and was proceeding on Hill Street. He stopped

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at a stop light and two individuals approached his truck. He said he was driving a 1942 Chevrolet pick-up truck which had a large palomino horse ornament on the hood. When the two young men approached his truck, the taller of the two asked if he was going out Wilshire Boulevard and when he said that he was, this individual asked if they could ride in the back of the truck, to which OWEN agreed. He described these individuals as follows:

Number 1

|            |                                                                                                              |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Age        | Early twenties                                                                                               |
| Height     | 5'8" to 5'10"                                                                                                |
| Build      | Slender                                                                                                      |
| Hair       | Black, bushy                                                                                                 |
| Complexion | Dark, appearing to be of Latin American origin                                                               |
| Wearing    | Sandals, two-tone Mexican type jacket, possibly a vest and a chain around his neck with a medallion thereon. |

Number 2

|            |                                                                                    |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Age        | Early twenties                                                                     |
| Height     | 5'3"                                                                               |
| Build      | Slender                                                                            |
| Hair       | Dark, bushy                                                                        |
| Complexion | Dark, with Latin American appearance                                               |
| Wearing    | Dark colored khaki levi type pants, dark gray sweatshirt and wearing tennis shoes. |

They proceeded west on Wilshire Boulevard. At the intersection of Vermont and Wilshire, OWEN stopped for a traffic light and as he did so, both men got out of the truck. Number one went directly to a bus stop near where the truck stopped and greeted a man and woman. The man was about thirty to forty years of age and dark complected, possibly Mexican. The woman was dressed in slacks with long dirty



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During the ride, the conversation of horses came up and Number two asked OWEN if he owned horses and he said that he did. Number two remarked that he use to work at a race track and at present needed a horse. OWEN said that he had horses for sale and offered to sell him one for \$300. They talked some more about buying and selling a horse and Number two asked OWEN if he could stop for a short time so that he could see a friend who worked in a kitchen nearby where they were at the moment. OWEN said he turned off Wilshire Boulevard onto a side street, the name of which he does not know. He described the street as a deadend street that was several blocks long. He parked the truck and waited while Number two went to see his friend.

After a wait of about ten minutes, OWEN decided that Number two was not going to return so he began to turn the truck around and leave. As he was doing this, he observed Number two come through an opened gate in a fence behind which was a tall building with many rooms. OWEN said that he was later advised by a police officer of the Los Angeles Police Department, University Station, that this building was the Ambassador Hotel.

When Number two got back in the truck, OWEN again began making conversation and asked the man if he was Mexican. He told him that he was not, saying that he was from Jordan having either come from Jordan thirteen years ago or when he was thirteen years old. OWEN could not recall which he said. He said that his name was JOE and gave a surname which OWEN did not understand, but which OWEN believed sounded like ZAHARIAS. OWEN said at about this time, he was arriving at his destination, that is a shoe shop and tailor shop where he was going to leave the boxing shoes and the robe for O'RILEY to have shamrocks put

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He met the fighter O'RILEY that evening and left him shortly before 11:00 p.m. and arrived back at the agreed meeting place and observed a 1958 or 1959 Chevrolet, off-white in color, in which there were three men and a girl. OWEN believed that one of the men and the girl may have been the same couple that Number one was talking to earlier at the bus stop. He could not get a good look at the second man in the car. Number two came over to the truck and showed him a \$100 bill saying he would have the rest of the money the next day early in the morning. OWEN told him he would stay overnight in Los Angeles and pointed out a hotel which was either St. Mark's or St. Martin, which would be where he would stay. He registered at this hotel as J. C. OWEN and requested the clerk give him a call at 8:00 a.m. However, he said that he was up at 7:00 a.m. and just as he was leaving the hotel he received a call from a man asking if he was the man with the pick-up and horse. OWEN acknowledged that he was and said he would meet him in a few minutes at the truck. As he was going to the truck he saw the same white car as before parked at the curb and Number one and the girl whom he saw before, were sitting in the car. The man who had been at the bus stop was standing by the truck and as OWEN approached he said "JOE could not make it". He offered OWEN a \$100 bill and asked if he could bring the horse to the same location that night at which time the remainder of the money would be available. OWEN did not take the money and explained that he would not be able to deliver the horse that night because of a prior commitment that he had in Oxnard. He left the man, giving him his business card, which had his home address and an unlisted telephone number and requested that JOE call him if he was interested in the horse. OWEN then proceeded to Oxnard on business and returned to Los Angeles the morning

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OWEN said he went to the Coliseum Hotel to see a man, BERT, who owns the restaurant and bar in the hotel. He had, at this time, three ponies in his trailer, which he had obtained in Oxnard. While in the restaurant he learned of the KENNEDY shooting hearing it on television. Someone gave him a copy of the "Hollywood Citizen News", which contained a picture of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, which he noted looked like the man he knew as JOE. He discussed this with BERT and other of his friends in the restaurant and they suggested that he go to the Los Angeles Police Department, University Station, which was nearby and tell them what had occurred. At first he said that he did not want to do this, but they convinced him that as a good citizen this would be the thing to do. That same day, he went to the Police Department and gave them the same story that he was now relating. He said that he was at the station from about 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

On June 6, 1968, several phone calls were received at his residence which were answered by his wife and daughter and on each occasion, the person calling hung up without saying anything. When the phone rang again, OWEN said he answered it and the caller said "Keep your mother blanked blank mouth shut about the horse deal". He believes the caller was a man but his voice was not familiar.

On June 18 or 19, 1968, OWEN received a call from the Los Angeles Police Department requesting that he come downtown to the Detective Bureau on the third floor between 1:30 and 2:30. He took another man named PERKINS with him. When he arrived, the officer on duty asked him to wait, saying that the officer who wanted to interview him was going to be a little bit late. OWEN explained to them that he was on his way to Phoenix and desired to proceed with the interview if possible. After a few minutes wait, the interview proceeded. He said he was handed a number of pictures and asked to pick out the picture of the man who looked like the one who had ridden with him in the truck. He said that after looking through the pictures, he picked out one stating that this man looked similar to the man whom he had given a ride. He recalls that PERKINS asked

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the officer if the picture was SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and the officer said that he could not answer this question. At the time of this interview, he told the officer that he had received a threatening call and that he would be staying in Phoenix for approximately one week.

On June 22, 1968, OWEN said that he received another call with the caller again using profanities, stating something to the effect "Keep your mother blankedy blank mouth shut or your family may be hurt". OWEN stated that no further calls or threats have been received.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ALLEGATION  
THAT SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN WAS SEEN ON  
JUNE 2, 1968, AT RESIDENCE OF MR. AND  
MRS. BENJAMIN BEN-EZRA, LYNWOOD, CALIFORNIA

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It was previously reported that in the early afternoon of June 2, 1968, an individual resembling SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN visited a family at 11247 Duncan Avenue, Lynwood, California.

JACQUELINE TRIVISONO, 11244 Duncan Avenue, Lynwood, was the individual furnishing this information, and according to the records of the Lynwood, California, Police Department, she is a well-known and notorious police complainant.

Lynwood Police Department records indicated she had numerous arrests dating back to 1937 and has in the past operated as a madam and is generally regarded by the police as being a "nut."

Investigation determined that the BEN-EZRA family reside at 11247 Duncan Avenue, Lynwood, and had recently come from Israel. A neighbor observed the photograph of SIRHAN and stated he had never visited the BEN-EZRA residence to his knowledge.

Following are results of an interview with Mrs. ESTHER BEN-EZRA:



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 9/19/68

Mrs. ESTHER BEN-EZRA, 11247 Duncan Avenue, Lynwood, California, was interviewed and supplied the following information:

Mrs. BEN-EZRA advised that she and her husband, ELISHA, reside at the Duncan Avenue address with their daughter, MARY. She stated that she has been in the United States only for a period of about four and one-half years, having immigrated to this country from Isreal.

She advised that she also has four sons in the Los Angeles area who visit them frequently. She gave their names as DAVID, HIM, RHAMIN and EZRA BEN-EZRA.

She stated that she has never known SIRHAN SIRHAN or any member of his family. She said that any relationship between her family and the SIRHAN family would be extremely unlikely due to her family's Jewish origin.

Mrs. BEN-EZRA stated that they seldom had any visitors other than her sons as they knew very few people in the Los Angeles area.

Upon being shown photographs of the SIRHAN family, she advised that she had never seen any of these individuals before.

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On 9/17/68 at Lynwood, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA GEORGE M. KLING/lav Date dictated 9/17/68

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING WILLIAM  
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ANONYMOUS LETTER ADDRESSED TO MRS.  
ETHEL KENNEDY AS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY

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On August 13, 1968, U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C., made available an anonymous letter addressed to ETHEL KENNEDY, Greenwood Avenue, Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, postmarked Chicago, Illinois, August 6, 1968. The unknown letter writer stated that a Mr. WILLIAM ERTL, 1402 Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was responsible for the assassination of the late Senator KENNEDY.

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The following investigation was conducted in Chicago, Illinois, by SA NELSON E. BOSE on dates indicated:

On August 19, 1968, it was determined, through Leonard's Street Guide of Chicago and Suburbs, the Chicago address 1402 Greenwood is non-existent.

The Chicago Telephone Directory lists no individual, WILLIAM ERTL.

On August 21, 1968, a credit and arrest check conducted by IC RALPH MC CLAIN with the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago Credit Bureau was negative regarding WILLIAM ERTL, 1402 Greenwood, Chicago.

The Chicago indices are negative regarding ERTL and contain no reference regarding a large robbery or theft of cashier's checks, from the University National Bank, Chicago.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING HOWARD PHILLIP  
ETHRIDGE, WHO REPORTEDLY TOLD TWO  
WOMEN WHO HAD PICKED HIM UP AS HITCH-  
HIKER ON AUGUST 13, 1968, THAT HE HAD  
"BEEN IN" ON KILLING OF KENNEDY

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date August 16, 1968

Mrs. RACHEL WHITE, South 2503 Teko, Spokane, Washington, furnished the following information:

WHITE advised that during the summer she is residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD FOSTER, South 2503 Teko, Spokane, Washington, while her husband is working in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. She stated that during the school year she and her husband reside at 12D South Fairway, Pullman, Washington.

WHITE stated that on August 13, 1968, she and her sister-in-law, BONNIE WHITE, were returning from Milton-Freewater, Oregon, en route to Spokane, Washington. She stated that as they left Walla Walla, Washington, at approximately 11:30 PM, they observed a young man beside the road hitchhiking in the direction of Spokane, Washington. She stated that they felt sorry for the young man due to the time of night and decided to pick him up. The man gave his name as PHILLIP ETHRIDGE, age 19, and stated that he had come from Alaska and was on his way to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He stated that he had been hitchhiking and as he had no place to sleep in Walla Walla, Washington, decided to keep going en route to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

WHITE stated that ETHRIDGE got into the back seat of the 1967 Chevrolet two-door hardtop, and sat behind BONNIE WHITE who was sitting on the passenger side of the front seat. WHITE stated that the vehicle in which she was driving belongs to her father, Mr. HOWARD FOSTER.

WHITE stated that at the time ETHRIDGE got into the vehicle, he had only a small creme-colored suitcase. She stated that she did not observe how he was dressed.

WHITE stated that as they proceeded toward Colfax, Washington, ETHRIDGE twice asked how far it was to Spokane, Washington. She stated that at approximately 15 miles from Colfax, Washington, he asked how far it was. She stated that this time BONNIE WHITE was dozing, and after telling ETHRIDGE that it was approximately 15 miles, she

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She stated that approximately three miles from Colfax, Washington, he again asked how far it was. She once again told him that it was about three miles to Colfax and from there about an hours drive to Spokane. WHITE stated that at this time ETHRIDGE informed them that he had a gun pointed at BONNIE's head and that he was naked and if either girl looked back he would shoot. He told RACHEL WHITE to continue driving. WHITE stated that he did not tell her where to drive and so when she reached Colfax, Washington, she turned towards Pullman, Washington, instead of going toward Spokane. She stated that the reason she turned toward Pullman was that the traffic is usually heavier between Pullman and Colfax and there are more farm houses between Pullman and Colfax than there are between Colfax and Spokane.

WHITE stated that while going through Colfax, Washington, they observed a Colfax policeman and this seemed to make ETHRIDGE extremely nervous. He attempted to cover himself up and keep low as to not be observed. She stated that he also did not notice as they went through Colfax, Washington, that they were proceeding toward Pullman instead of Spokane. She stated that when he was aware that they were going toward Pullman it did not seem to upset him.

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them undress and take their car and their money. ETHRIDGE emphasized the fact that he was not going to in any way molest either of them.

WHITE stated that outside Colfax, Washington, they passed a dirt road and at this time he ordered her to stop the vehicle and back up. She stated that she told him that she could not back up and then he informed her to turn around. WHITE stated that she turned the vehicle around and headed back toward Colfax, Washington. As they passed a road, now known to her as the Albion Road, he told her to turn. She stated that they drove about five miles up the road away from the highway at which time he ordered her to stop the vehicle.

WHITE stated that ETHRIDGE told her to get out of the vehicle and go to the left side of the road. She stated that ETHRIDGE then got out on the same side of the vehicle, the driver's side. He told BONNIE not to look but at this time BONNIE turned around to see what was happening and he then ordered her to get out of the vehicle on the driver's side of the car. Both girls were told to cross the road while ETHRIDGE stayed by the car. He then told them to undress. WHITE stated that they did as they were told and while undressing she noticed that ETHRIDGE had a gun in one hand and had a pair of dark pants on but did not have a shirt on. She stated she did not observe whether he had shoes on.

WHITE stated that after undressing, he then ordered the girls to leave their clothes where they had piled them on the side of the road and to walk in the direction of what is now known to them to be Albion. She stated that the car had been left running and the headlights were left on. She stated that they walked away from the vehicle until they were out of sight of the car headlights and then moved off the road in to the ditch where they stopped walking and sat down in an area which was hidden from the road. WHITE stated that at no time had ETHRIDGE made any advances whatsoever toward either girl. She stated that at the time they had undressed and were walking down the road, she looked at her watch and it was 2:30 AM, August 14, 1968.

WHITE stated that she and BONNIE remained in the side ditch for approximately ten minutes and didn't hear any sounds coming from the direction of the car. She stated

that she then heard what they thought was the trunk being closed and a short time after that the vehicle moved in their direction. She stated that ETHRIDGE drove past them and did not appear to notice either girl hiding in the ditch. She stated that he proceeded in the direction of Albion, Washington, and this is the last time that she had seen either ETHRIDGE or the vehicle.

WHITE stated that after ETHRIDGE drove past she and BONNIE proceeded down the road toward the Colfax Pullman Highway. She stated that they observed a road leading off the Albion Road and followed it to a farm house, reaching the farm house at approximately 3:00 AM. She stated that they knocked on the door until the people of the house answered. She stated that they were given clothing and the farmer called the Whitman County Sheriff's Office and reported the incident. A short time later Deputy BERT EATON of the Whitman County Sheriff's Office came to the farm house and began investigation of the incident.

WHITE furnished the following description of the individual known to her as PHILLIP ETHRIDGE.

|            |                                                               |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Race       | White                                                         |
| Sex        | Male                                                          |
| Hair       | Black                                                         |
| Height     | 5' 7"                                                         |
| Weight     | 150 pounds                                                    |
| Build      | Medium                                                        |
| Complexion | Dark complected<br>and had Indian features                    |
| Speech     | Spoke with a lisp and<br>had a very distinguishable<br>voice. |

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date August 16, 1968

Miss BONNIE LOUISE WHITE, 1303 South Crestline, Spokane, Washington, furnished the following information:

WHITE advised that on August 13, 1968, she and her sister-in-law, RACHEL WHITE, were returning from Milton Freewater, Oregon, to Spokane, Washington. She stated that at approximately 11:30 PM they left Walla Walla, Washington, and observed a man standing on the side of the road hitchhiking near what is known as the Bacon Road. WHITE stated that she has hitchhiked before and therefore understands that it is hard to get a ride, especially late at night, and therefore they decided to offer assistance to the individual hitchhiking. She stated that the man got into the back seat of the vehicle and told them that his name was PHILLIP ETHRIDGE and that he was 19 years of age. She stated that when he entered the car he had with him a small creme-colored suitcase.

WHITE stated that ETHRIDGE told them that he was going from Alaska to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where he had employment in a lime plant.

WHITE stated that as they proceeded toward Colfax, Washington, she was dozing in the front seat of the car but she heard the man ask RACHEL several times how far it was to Spokane, Washington. She stated that she also heard some moving in the back seat of the car but did not think anything of it. She stated that she then heard the man state that he had a gun at the back of her head and was naked and if either girl looked back he would shoot. WHITE stated that this was a short distance outside Colfax, Washington.

WHITE stated that as they proceeded to Colfax, Washington, the man made several statements which seemed to be an attempt to scare them and to build up his own confidence. She stated that he told them that he had killed two policemen and had wounded other men. She stated that he also asked them if they had heard of the KENNEDY assassination.

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On 8/15/68 at Spokane, Washington File # SE 25-2637T

by SA JAMES T. DAVIS /mm Date dictated \_\_\_\_\_

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and the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. WHITE stated that they informed him that they had and he then told them that he had participated in the killing of these individuals and was therefore not afraid to use a gun. WHITE stated that she then asked him what kind of a gun he had, and he told them that it was a .36 Mauser which was larger than a policeman's gun and had a hairpin trigger.

WHITE stated that when they went through Colfax, Washington, they observed a policeman's car and this seemed to frighten ETHRIDGE a lot. She stated that he attempted to get out of sight and to hide in the back seat. She stated as they proceeded through Colfax, and toward Pullman, Washington, he emphasized the fact that he did not intend to molest either girl but was going to have them undress, take their car, and their money.

WHITE stated that following the man informing them that he had a gun pointed at her head, she heard some noise coming from the back seat that sounded like he was loading the gun, and possibly opening his suitcase which was on the seat beside him. She stated that he had warned them not to look back so she could not observe what was going on in the back seat.

WHITE stated that outside of Colfax, Washington, ETHRIDGE told RACHEL to stop after they passed a dirt road. RACHEL stopped the vehicle and turned around and proceeded back toward Colfax, Washington. When they passed a road leading toward what is now known as Albion, Washington, he informed RACHEL to turn up the road. WHITE stated that they proceeded down the road three or four miles at which time he informed RACHEL to stop the vehicle. He then informed RACHEL to get out of the vehicle and walk to the other side of the road. WHITE stated that the man told her not to look but at this time she had decided to look as the man obviously was going to use the gun on them or abandon them in the country. She stated that she turned around to see what was going on and at that time he ordered her to get out of the vehicle and join RACHEL on the other side of the road. She stated that he stood beside the vehicle and told both girls to undress. WHITE advised that they did as he ordered and he then told them to proceed down the highway. She stated that they walked away from the car toward Albion, Washington, until they were out of sight of the vehicle,

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at which time they left the road and hid in the ditch beside the road. She stated that they stayed in the ditch for over ten minutes and during that period of time they heard what they decided was the trunk of the vehicle being closed.

WHITE stated that after ten to fifteen minutes the vehicle passed them and proceeded toward Albion, Washington. She stated that after ETHRIDGE drove past them they then got back on the road and proceeded to the Pullman-Colfax Highway. She stated that when they found a road leading off the Albion Highway up to a farm house, they proceeded to the farm house, beat on the door until they got the people of the house up, and informed them of what had happened. She stated that this was at approximately 3:00 AM. The people of the house gave them clothing and notified the Whitman County - Sheriff's Office.

WHITE furnished the following description of the individual known to her as PHILLIP ETHRIDGE:

|            |                                                         |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Race       | White                                                   |
| Sex        | Male                                                    |
| Hair       | Black                                                   |
| Height     | 5' 7"                                                   |
| Weight     | 157 pounds                                              |
| Build      | Medium                                                  |
| Complexion | Dark complected like an Indian or Eskimo                |
| Speech     | Spoke with a lisp and had a very distinguishable voice. |

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 8/23/68

HOWARD PHILLIP ETHRIDGE was advised of the personal and official identity of SA STEINAR E. GORUD, FBI, and Lieutenant E. L. LUCAS, Lewiston, Idaho Police Department. He was advised that he was being interviewed about his participation in the theft of a 1967 Chevrolet two door, Washington license CHX 332 from Colfax, Washington to Lewiston, Idaho.

ETHRIDGE was warned of his rights and waived them as shown on an executed rights and waiver form.

He furnished the following signed statement:

"Lewiston, Idaho  
8/14/68

"I, HOWARD PHILIP ETHRIDGE, furnish the following voluntary Statement to Steiner E. Gorud, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the FBI and to Lt. E. L. Lucas, Lewiston Police Dept., Lewiston, Idaho.

"I have voluntarily signed a rights and waiver form.

"I was hitchhiking from Bullingham, Washington to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. I left Bullingham on Monday 8/12/68. I got a ride to Walla Walla, Washington arriving here about 12:30 PM the night of 8/13/68.

"I was hitchhiking north out of Walla Walla headed for Coeur d'Alene when I was picked up by two women traveling in a 1967 red Chevrolet 2 door sedan, on the outskirts of Walla Walla, Wash. They picked me up about 12:30 AM 8/14/68. They said they were headed for Spokane, Wash.

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On 8/14/68 at Lewiston, Idaho File # BT 26-22889

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by SA STEINAR E. GORUD/imv/dld Date dictated 8/19/68

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"When we got close to Colfax, Washington, I told the women I had a gun and I told them not to turn around. I ordered the woman who was driving to drive off the main highway onto a side road. This was pretty close to Colfax, Washington. We drove for about 5 or 6 miles and I ordered the driver to stop the car.

"I then ordered both women to get out of the car. I had a gun in my right hand, pointed at the ground.

"I then ordered both women to take all their clothes off. They took their clothes off and placed their clothing on the ground. I then told them to start walking, the same direction the car was headed.

"I picked up their clothing and put them in the back seat of the car. I drove along the road the same direction the women were walking. I must have passed the women because I did not see them after I started driving the car.

"I drove for about 3 miles and got back on the main, blacktop, highway, the highway between Colfax, Washington and Pullman, Washington.

"I drove along the highway, towards Pullman, for about 5 miles where I stopped along the right side (west) of the highway. I got out of the car with the womens clothing, walked across the highway and tossed the clothing along the left side (East) of the highway.

"I then drove through Pullman, Washington and South toward Lewiston, Idaho.

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"Just after I left Pullman, police cars started chasing me. I was traveling down a hill near Lewiston, Idaho when I was arrested.

"I stole the gun I used against the women at Monroe, Washington while on my trip from Bellingham, Washington to Coeur 'dalene, Idaho.

"I stole a white suit case, clothing, movie camera, clock radio, electric clock and items of jewelery at Bellingham, Washington just before I left here on 8/12/68.

"I wish to state that the only items of clothing I took off, while I was with the two women, was my shirt. I took my shirt off because it was stuffy in the car.

"I have read this statement, consisting of this page and two other pages. The statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

n        "/s/ Howard P. Ethridge

"Witnesses:

"/s/ Stehar E. Gorud, Special Agent, FBI

"/s/ E. L. Lucas Lt of Police"

ETHRIDGE was shown the 7.65 Hauser Automatic Pistol, Serial Number 817,199, and he admitted that this was the pistol used by him when ordering the two women to disrobe.



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Prior to furnishing the above signed statement, ETHRIDGE said that he had stolen the 1967 Chevrolet at Walla Walla, Washington, about. 11:30 p.m., on August 13, 1968. He also claimed that he had purchased the items in the suitcase, which was in his possession when arrested.

The following is the physical description of ETHRIDGE as obtained from interview and observation:

|               |                                                                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Race          | Half Indian                                                                        |
| Sex           | Male                                                                               |
| Birth Data    | [REDACTED]                                                                         |
| Height        | Roslaud, Washington<br>5'9½"                                                       |
| Weight        | 160                                                                                |
| Eyes          | Brown                                                                              |
| Hair          | Black                                                                              |
| Tattoos       | "HOWARD" - upper left arm;<br>Letter "E" - left forearm                            |
| Arrest Record | Admits one arrest at<br>Sunnyside, Washington<br>over one year ago for<br>vagrancy |
| Father        | VERNON ETHRIDGE<br>Deceased                                                        |
| Mother        | VIOLET HOY                                                                         |
| Home Address  | Everson, Washington<br>Route 1                                                     |
| Remarks       | Everson, Washington<br>ETHRIDGE claims to be<br>one-half Cherokee<br>Indian        |

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ALLEGATION  
THAT SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN WAS WELL  
KNOWN TO THE WAITRESSES AT THE RED  
LION RESTAURANT, POMONA, CALIFORNIA

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Information was received by the Los Angeles Office of the FBI in late June 1968, that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN had eaten at the Red Lion Restaurant in Pomona, California, on a number of occasions. It was further indicated that SIRHAN was well known to the waitresses at the Red Lion Restaurant.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
JAMES E. HOFFER:

AT POMONA, CALIFORNIA

Various attempts were made to contact LOUISE KALSO (phonetic) at the Red Lion Restaurant, Foothill Boulevard, and North Garey Avenue.

On July 30, 1968, CAROL TAVER, head waitress, Red Lion Inn, Foothill Boulevard and North Garey Avenue, advised that LOUISE KELLIS is a waitress employed by the Red Lion Inn, however she is on an extended vacation in the east and it is unknown exactly when she will return.

Mrs. TAVER was asked regarding her knowledge as to the information that SIRHAN SIRHAN was well known to the waitresses at the Red Lion Inn. Mrs. TAVER stated that this is strictly a rumor inasmuch as there was an individual who had eaten at the Red Lion Inn on several occasions prior to the murder of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY and that they have not seen the individual since the murder. She stated that after pictures came out in the newspapers of SIRHAN SIRHAN, there were remarks made that the individual who had eaten there resembled SIRHAN SIRHAN very much and it was felt possible by some of the girls that this was SIRHAN SIRHAN. She stated, however, that none of the waitresses at the restaurant were personally acquainted with the individual other than having waited upon him several times and that none of the waitresses know any personal background or any personal information whatsoever about this individual, in fact they do not even know his name, nor do they know that this is the same individual known as SIRHAN SIRHAN.

Mrs. TAVER stated that she is quite certain that LOUISE KELLIS has no further information than any of the rest of the girls regarding this individual.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 8/28/68

LOUISE KELLIS, waitress, Red Line Inn, Foothill Boulevard and North Garey Avenue, advised she heard other waitresses talking about seeing a patron at this location resembling SIRHAN SIRHAN, however, she said she had never seen such person and had no first hand knowledge of him.

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On 8/20/68 at Pomona, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA FERD J. RAPP JR. /vld Date dictated 8/27/68

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ADA BUTEAU,  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, WHO TELE-  
PHONICALLY CONTACTED THE WHITE HOUSE  
ON JUNE 28, 1968, AND STATED SHE  
KNEW A PERSON WHO ASSISTED SIRHAN  
IN KILLING SENATOR KENNEDY

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On July 6, 1968, U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C., advised that at 3:44 p.m., June 28, 1968, ADA BUTEAU, 51 Congress Street, Hartford, Connecticut, telephonically contacted the White House. BUTEAU was extremely upset and advised that she knew a person who assisted SIRHAN in killing Senator KENNEDY. BUTEAU stated she was walking on Congress Street on June 27, 1968, when this person, who identified himself as MERRILL ROGERS, came up beside her and followed her home and into her apartment.

ROGERS told BUTEAU he was a communist, and when BUTEAU asked him a question about Senator KENNEDY, ROGERS allegedly told her that he knew both President KENNEDY and Senator KENNEDY and that he helped SIRHAN kill Senator KENNEDY.

BUTEAU further stated that ROGERS had left a pocket knife on the table when he left on which appeared to be dried blood.

Following is result of an interview with ADA BUTEAU:

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/5/68

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Mrs. ADA BUTEAU, who resides on the second floor at 51 Congress Street, Hartford, Connecticut, was interviewed and furnished the following information concerning her experiences on the evening of June 28, 1968:

She stated during the early evening of June 28, 1968, she was alone at the Metropole Restaurant on Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, having a few drinks. She stated she later met a couple of friends at the bar and conversed with them briefly. A short time later, a man about 30, who was drinking at the bar struck up a conversation with her and a short time later asked if he could accompany her home. She stated she agreed and they walked to her apartment at 51 Congress Street, Hartford. BUTEAU stated that at the apartment he talked quite a bit and his line of conversation frightened her. She maintained that while both she and her guest had been drinking, they were not staggering or incoherent in their speech. She advised that he said he was a communist, of Arabic origin, and was "against the KENNEDY family". BUTEAU stated he claimed to know SIRHAN SIRHAN, the man who assassinated Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. BUTEAU stated she became very concerned for her safety and in order not to agitate the man, kept agreeing with him. She stated he was not rude while with her and made no "passes" at her. She advised that after about one half hour in his company at the apartment she asked him to leave because she had things to do. She stated he left without argument.

BUTEAU advised that the man left a penknife on the kitchen table. She exhibited the knife which was about two inches long of stainless steel with three blades, one of which is a combination can opener and screwdriver, one a nail file and the remaining a blunt knife blade. The knife bears the following inscription on the handle: "Palmdale Service Station, MERRILL ROGERS, PH 23631, P. O. Box 1200". The knife appears to be the type given customers for advertising purposes. The name MERRILL ROGERS is probably the owner of the service station. No stains were noted on the blades.

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On 7/31/68 at Hartford, Connecticut File # NH 62-2477

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by SA JACK U. RICHARDSON/clf Date dictated 8/1/68

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BUTEAU stated the unknown male never furnished his name. She stated she has never seen him before or since. She described him as about 5 foot 8 inches or 5 foot 9 inches, 150 pounds, dark curly hair, dressed in slacks and sport shirt. She stated he had a dark complexion, and if he had not said he was Arabic, she would consider him to be of French extraction.

She stated he spoke very slowly and distinctly with a definite foreign accent. which accent she could not identify as to nationality. She recalled that the unknown male had advised that he had no formal religion, but worshipped the Sun God.

BUTEAU stated she was very nervous following the man's departure and about an hour later, called [REDACTED], [REDACTED], a neighbor, to come up and discuss the matter. She stated they then decided to call the White House and report the information. She stated she placed the call, but was nervous and turned the telephone over to SLATER, who carried on the bulk of the conversation.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date July 18, 1968

Records of the Hartford Police Department, Hartford, Connecticut, searched on July 16, 1968, reflected that ADA BUTEAU, 51 Congress Street, Hartford, was born December 31, 1935, and has the following arrest record:

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>AGE</u> | <u>CHARGE</u>   | <u>DISPOSITION</u>           |
|-------------|------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 9/3/64      | 28         | Intoxication    | 10 days, execution suspended |
| 9/28/64     | 28         | Intoxication    | 10 days, execution suspended |
| 12/15/65    | 29         | Intoxication    | 30 days, execution suspended |
| 4/18/66     | 30         | Breach of Peace | Nolle                        |

With the record of the last arrest there appeared the notation "Mental outpatient".

The records of the Hartford Credit Rating Bureau contained no information concerning BUTEAU as of July 16, 1968.

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On 7/16/68 at Hartford, Conn. File # NH 62-2477

by SA EDWARD R. WHALEN/clf Date dictated 7/17/68

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ALLEGED  
STATEMENT BY JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA  
MEMORIAL DAY, 1967, THAT HE HAD A  
CONTRACT OUT ON SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ALLEGED  
STATEMENT BY JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA  
MEMORIAL DAY, 1968, THAT HE HAD A  
CONTRACT OUT ON SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

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Information was previously reported that about Memorial Day, 1967, while confined in the U. S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA was alleged to have made a statement that he had a contract out on Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and if he, KENNEDY, ever got in the primaries or ever got elected, the contract would be fulfilled within six months.

Results of interviews of JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA and other inmates at the U. S. Penitentiary at Lewisburg have previously been reported.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 17, 1968

EDWARD HUGH POLE was interviewed at the El Paso County Jail, Colorado Springs, Colorado. On this occasion, POLE described himself as follows:

|                   |                                                                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date of Birth     | May 25, 1941                                                               |
| Place of Birth    | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania                                                 |
| Height            | 5'9½"                                                                      |
| Weight            | 160 pounds                                                                 |
| Hair              | Brown                                                                      |
| Eyes              | Blue                                                                       |
| Marital Status    | Separated from wife                                                        |
| Wife              | KATHLEEN KRAFT, age 22, street address unknown, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania |
| Son               | One son, 22 months                                                         |
| Permanent Address | Route #1, Box 257, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania                              |
| Parents           | Deceased                                                                   |

POLE stated he has resided at Colorado Springs for the past six months, residing at 117 South Limit Street, and has been employed by the El Paso Garage, Security, Colorado, as an auto mechanic.

POLE advised that on June 13, 1968, he pled guilty to a charge of forgery involving the theft of a payroll check from his employer and expects to receive an extensive sentence to the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado. He pointed out he was previously convicted in July, 1961, U. S. District Court, Lake Charles, Louisiana, for a violation of the Dyer Act. He stated under the Federal Youth Corrections Act, he received a sentence of 60 days to 6 years. He pointed out he served 29 months at the Federal Reformatory, Chillicothe, Ohio; was paroled; violated his parole four months later; was sent back to Chillicothe and served approximately one year; again was released on parole; was out 7 months; violated his parole again; and on December 31, 1966, was incarcerated at the Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, Federal Penitentiary, from which he was released after completion of his

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On 6/14/68 at Colorado Springs, Colorado File # Denver 62-2416

by SA ALVIN W. BERRY;  
SA RANSOM A. WHITTLE:pmb Date dictated 6/14/68

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sentence on July 19, 1967.

He stated that on or about Memorial Day, 1967, he was in the dining hall at the Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary and at the table next to him was JAMES HOFFA, who was talking to the two following-described individuals:

#1:

|                 |                                                         |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Race            | White                                                   |
| Sex             | Male                                                    |
| Nationality     | American, of Italian descent                            |
| Name            | Unknown                                                 |
| Age             | 55-58 years of age                                      |
| Height & Weight | Approximately the same height and weight as JAMES HOFFA |

He pointed out that this man used to run at the prison track with Mr. HOFFA.

#2:

|               |                                      |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Race          | White                                |
| Sex           | Male                                 |
| Nationality   | American, of Italian descent         |
| Name          | (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN) deJOSEPH        |
| Age           | Early 40's                           |
| Height        | 5'10"                                |
| Build         | Heavy build                          |
| Peculiarities | Heavy, dark beard even after shaving |

He stated on this occasion, he overheard HOFFA state to these two individuals that, "I have a contract out on KENNEDY and if he ever gets in the primaries or ever gets elected, the contract will be fulfilled within six months." He pointed out that sitting with him, POLE, and who also overheard this conversation, were the following individuals:

#1:

|      |                      |
|------|----------------------|
| Name | JAMES JOSEPH O'BRIEN |
|------|----------------------|

O'BRIEN was being transferred in June, 1967, to the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia.

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#2:

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Name        | Unknown    |
| Sex         | Male       |
| Race        | White      |
| Nationality | American   |
| Age         | Early 30's |
| Height      | 5'8"       |
| Build       | Slender    |
| Hair        | Black      |

He stated this individual had robbed a bank at Cleveland, Ohio; had been at Lewisburg for seven years; had been paroled; and after two years on the outside, had violated his parole and was back at Lewisburg. He pointed out this individual resided in D cellblock and was originally from St. Louis, Missouri, and would have been eligible for parole back to St. Louis about the present time.

Approximately two weeks after this conversation, POLE stated he was working in the clothing store and was there early in the morning prior to the store opening, and that JAMES HOFFA came to the gate. Recalling the prior conversation, he asked HOFFA what he thought about KENNEDY. He stated HOFFA immediately began an emotional tirade over KENNEDY's use of wire-tapping and HOFFA's conviction and incarceration at Lewisburg. He ended the conversation by stating, "Right now KENNEDY's in no danger; but if he gets into a primary or gets elected, I won't say how or when, but he'll get knocked off." POLE stated there were no witnesses to this conversation.

POLE advised that in view of HOFFA's power and influence in this country, he feared for his life and under no circumstances would he testify to the above information.



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The following investigation was conducted by SAs  
EDWARD M. HARGRAVE and STANLEY E. PETERSON at Youngstown,  
Ohio:

ROBERT M. WALKER, U. S. Probation Officer, Youngstown,  
was contacted on June 28, 1968, and he advised FRED COOPER is  
currently residing at 212 Broadway Avenue, Youngstown, with his  
mother.

FRED COOPER, 212 Broadway Avenue, Youngstown, advised  
on June 28, 1968 he had met JAMES HOFFA at the U. S. Penitentiary,  
Lewisburg, Pa., but stated they were not friends, and he had  
never engaged HOFFA in any conversation at any time. He stated  
he knew who HOFFA was, and recalls that when HOFFA entered the  
penitentiary, possibly in March, 1967, he overheard him say,  
"Well here I am, there's nothing I can do about it, and I'm  
just going to have to make the best of it." HOFFA also indicated  
that it was just a piece of paper that tripped him up, which  
resulted in his conviction, however, COOPER never heard what  
it was.

COOPER was questioned specifically about the statement  
allegedly made by HOFFA on or about Memorial Day, 1967, and  
COOPER stated that if HOFFA made such a statement regarding  
the late ROBERT KENNEDY he, COOPER, did not overhear the state-  
ment, and never at any time heard anyone comment about such a  
statement. COOPER added that he never heard the name of KENNEDY  
mentioned by HOFFA at any time.

1Date 9/5/68

DONALD L. GEORGE, 1007 Gordon Street, Lafayette, Louisiana, advised as follows:

From about April, 1966, to April, 1968, he worked as an investigator for J. MINOS SIMON, attorney, who has recently represented EDWARD GRADY PARTIN, Business Agent, Teamsters Local 5, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. When he became unable to carry on his relationship with SIMON because of personal disagreements, he obtained a position in May, 1968, as investigator for F. LEE BAILEY, attorney, Boston, Massachusetts, who has been retained by interests representing JAMES R. HOFFA.

He has never talked to anyone who claimed to have heard HOFFA say he "had a contract out on KENNEDY and if he ever gets in the primaries or ever gets elected, the contract will be fulfilled within six months", or any similar statement concerning Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He has had no direct contact with HOFFA at any time.

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On 8/26/68 at Lafayette, Louisiana File # NO 173-994

by SA's DONALD L. HUGHES and Date dictated 8/27/68  
RICHARD A. SMALLWOOD/DLH/cem

Date 7/10/681

JACK S. MARTIN, SR., 1836½ Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, voluntarily appeared at the New Orleans Federal Bureau of Investigation Office in connection with another matter at which time he was questioned concerning the letter he sent to CHARLES D. WINTERS, Teamster Representative in New Orleans, wherein MARTIN asked, "Why did HOFFA once put out a 'contract' on both of the KENNEDY boys?".

MARTIN stated he has no first hand information that any "contract" was put out on either JOHN F. KENNEDY or ROBERT F. KENNEDY and that he merely made such a statement in his letter to WINTERS as a means of irritating WINTERS. MARTIN stated he merely wanted to see what the reaction of WINTERS would be.

MARTIN emphatically denied that he had any positive information that a "contract" had ever been put out for either of the deceased KENNEDY's.

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On 7/8/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 173-994  
by SA EDWARD J. CARNEY, JR. and  
SA WILLIAM E. DENT, JR. WED/kmt Date dictated 7/10/68

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HOWARD W. WYNN, Correctional Officer, U. S. Penitentiary, advised that he is well acquainted with JAMES HOFFA inasmuch as HOFFA worked under his supervision for about nine months and he has continually been alert to HOFFA's activities. He advised he has never heard the name of (FNU) DE JOSEPH at the institution. He advised HOFFA's regular dinner companions are SAMUEL DESIST and ANTHONY PROVENZANO. He said, however, there are always a number of individuals following after HOFFA and seeking to gain his favor.

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On 6/24/68 at Lewisburg, Pa. File # Philadelphia 62-4929  
by SA DELMAR H. MAYFIELD, JR. / cad Date dictated 6/25/68

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HOWARD TWINNING, Clerk, Records Office, U. S. Penitentiary, made available the inmate files of SAMUEL DESIST, USP #32928-NE, and ANTHONY PROVENZANO, USP #32623-NE. A review of these files disclosed DESIST is a white male, Date of Birth January 11, 1923, Place of Birth Hepzibah, West Virginia, 5'6" tall, 185 pounds, black-grey hair. He is serving 18 years for narcotics violation. PROVENZANO is a white male, Date of Birth May 7, 1917, Place of Birth New York City, 5'7" tall, 155 pounds, black-grey hair. He is serving seven years for interference with interstate transportation and was the head of the Teamsters Union in New York. TWINNING advised there is no one in his file, past or present inmates, by the name of DE JOSEPH.

TWINNING advised that a review of the Bank Robbery Releasee file disclosed one FRED COOPER as being the best possibility for the person sitting at the table with POLE. COOPER's file was reviewed and the following information was obtained:

He was originally sentenced in the Northern District of Ohio for bank robbery on September 12, 1955. He was paroled on July 1, 1962, and reincarcerated on July 25, 1963, for parole violation, with 4820 days still to serve. He was re-paroled on November 13, 1967, and planned to live with his mother, Mrs. BERTHA COOPER, at 1238 Watts Street, University City, Mo. From January 6, 1967, until his release, he was assigned to living quarters in D-1 cell block. He is described as a white male, Date of Birth March 29, 1930, Place of Birth Youngstown, Ohio, 5'7" tall, 160 pounds, brown hair and eyes, occupation - salesman.

COOPER was sent to Springfield, Mo., in August of 1958 diagnosed as "Schizophrenic reaction, chronic undifferentiated type, as manifested by a history of disorientation, confusion, bizarre effect and thought content with delusions of persecution. The delusion of somatic illness persists along with his effective flattening, retarded thought processes with

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By April 1962, he was diagnosed as still retaining fragments of unusual beliefs concerning his bodily reaction, but not to the point it would interfere with his adjustment on the outside.

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INVESTIGATION CONCERNING RUMOR  
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Miss ELIZABETH SINTON  
29 Grant Street  
Mt. Holly, New Jersey

Reverend W. Mc CRACKEN  
3071 North Park Boulevard  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Mr. JOHN KROGNESS  
2509 Overlook Road  
Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. LOVE  
4631 Hickory Ridge Road  
Jackson, Mississippi

Miss ALICE PEEL  
701 Rio Grande  
Austin, Texas

Mrs. WOOD further advised that KERNS would be the individual most likely to have established contact with Israeli guide JACOB BENIGMAN.

Reverend W. CHAVE Mc CRACKEN, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3071 North Park Boulevard, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, advised the Cleveland Office of the FBI on June 12, 1968, that he was a member of Brownell Tour No. 216 in the Holy Land during the period of approximately May 14 to May 22, 1968.

On May 16, 1968, the group lunched at the Senadar Hotel Restaurant in modern Caesarea. At approximately 1:30 p.m., he heard the rumor that an attempt had been made on the life of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Rumor further indicated that Senator KENNEDY was still alive, but in critical condition.

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Mc CRACKEN advised that the news prompted highly emotional reaction which partially clouds his recollection, but that his current recollection is that information regarding Senator KENNEDY came from the tour guide, JACOB HENIGMAN. Mc CRACKEN stated that the tour guide advised he had heard news "on the air" implying radio broadcast. Mc CRACKEN stated the guide indicated the news was in Hebrew language. Mc CRACKEN possessed no information regarding identity or location of station.

Mc CRACKEN stated further attempts to confirm the rumor were completely negative. He stated that no information was heard on the radio and nothing appeared in Israeli newspapers concerning this matter. Mc CRACKEN then assumed the rumor to be false and made no further inquiries concerning it.

On June 13, 1968, SYLVIA FOGELSON, 45 A Linn Drive, Verona, New Jersey, advised the Newark Office of the FBI that on May 16 or 17, 1968, she was a member of a tour, name not recalled, in Jerusalem, and while in the Jordanian section, an unknown Arab male told them that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. Mrs. FOGELSON said the man gave no further details, and was not seen again. She said she supposed it was a joke and later after Senator KENNEDY was shot decided to make this information available.

On the same date, Mrs. ELIZABETH SINTON, 29 Grant Street, Mt. Holly, New Jersey, also advised the Newark Office of the FBI that she was on the Brownell Tour in Jerusalem during mid-May 1968, but at no time heard the guide or any other person mention that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

On June 13, 1968, JOHN KROGNESS, stockbroker with Paine, Weber, Jackson, and Curtis, 1021 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, advised the Cleveland Office of the FBI that he was present in the Holy Land with the Brownell Tour from approximately May 14 to May 22, 1968.

KROGNESS stated that on May 16, 1968, the tour group

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KROGNES could not attribute this information to the Israeli guide JACOB HENIGMAN, however, he did inquire of HENIGMAN if he had heard any news regarding this incident, and HENIGMAN replied in the negative.

KROGNES stated that he did not hear any further comments regarding this matter, that nothing was observed in Israeli newspapers, nor did he hear any broadcast concerning same, so assumed it was a rumor and made no further inquiries.

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Neither Mr. nor Mrs. LOVE had ever heard JACOB HENIGMAN, Israeli tour guide known as "JAKE", make any statement concerning the United States or the political conditions of the United States. They did not hear the guide say that KENNEDY had been shot, and neither of them believed that the guide actually made the statement.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA DAVID ROBERT EVANS at Austin, Texas, on July 3, 1968:

Miss ALICE DENTLER PEEL, Owner, Business Services, home residence 704 Rio Grande, advised she was on tour throughout Europe and the Middle East during the period from May 12 through July 2, 1968. She stated the first portion of her tour was sponsored by Brownell Tours.

PEEL advised she departed New York on the evening of May 13, 1968, via Transworld Airlines, Flight 840, and arrived in Tel Aviv on the afternoon of May 14, 1968. She remained in Tel Aviv through May 16, 1968, and then departed by bus en route to Haifa, Israel. She indicated that the guide for the tour during this portion of the trip was JACOB HENIGMAN. PEEL advised that on the morning of May 17, 1968, she and members of the tour were on a full-day excursion and were en route to Tiberias. While at a rest stop she recalled that a member of the tour, whose identity she did not recall, asked her if she heard that KENNEDY had been shot. Miss PEEL stated this was the first time that she had heard this remark but that later it seemed that the rumor then spread like wildfire and the tour members were questioning each other as well as the guide for further details. Miss PEEL indicated that she could only assume that possibly the tour guide, JACOB HENIGMAN, had told the director of the tour, Mr. JACK KERNS, that KENNEDY had been shot. Miss PEEL stated unequivocally that at no time did she hear either the director or the tour guide, JACOB HENIGMAN, make a direct statement concerning KENNEDY.

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Miss PEEL stated she was not aware of the original source of the information that KENNEDY had been shot; however, she assumed that possibly the source was a broadcast over the Israeli radio. PEEL advised that tour members did question the guide, JACOB HENIGMAN, for further details; however, the guide indicated he had no further information. Miss PEEL advised that the guide, upon subsequent questioning the next day after periodically listening to the news broadcasts over the radio, replied that "No news is good news."

Miss PEEL advised that on the morning of May 18, 1968, tour members continued to question the tour guide for any further details regarding KENNEDY, however, the tour guide indicated again that he had no further information. She stated that the tour guide did periodically listen to news broadcasts on the radio and upon questioning would indicate to tour members that the broadcasts contained no news concerning KENNEDY. Miss PEEL advised she can only assume that possibly there may have been some error in reporting a news item concerning KENNEDY.



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MAX BERMAN, residing at 4629 Fulton Avenue, Apartment 202, home telephone 783-5526, furnished the following information:

Mr. BERMAN said he had previously given some information concerning Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's assassination to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Rampart Division. He said he and his wife were on vacation during May and June, 1968, visiting various parts of the world. On May 16, 1968, they were in Caesarea, Israel, which is located near the Jordanian border. On this day at about 12:00 noon, they, along with other tourists, made a stop at the Semadar Hotel for lunch. As he and his wife entered the hotel lobby they heard a man demand that they be quiet. This man was wearing earphones and stated that Senator KENNEDY was shot in Los Angeles. BERMAN said he asked the man where he got his information and the man replied, "the BBC". This man did not give any more information. BERMAN said he then went to the hotel restaurant and told the other tourists of the news. The next day he bought a local newspaper but could not find anything in it pertaining to Senator KENNEDY being shot. He and his wife continued on their trip and arrived back in Los Angeles on June 3, 1968. He said on June 4, 1968, while watching television, he learned that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California. Sometime later, when he heard on television that the Police Department had found a book in the house of accused assassin, SIRHAN SIRHAN, pertaining to the date Senator KENNEDY had to be shot, he felt he should call the police.

Mr. BERMAN said he was interviewed by Detective BELDING of the Rampart Division, LAPD, concerning his experience in Caesarea, Israel.

Mr. BERMAN said that his wife, ZELDA BERMAN, could furnish no further information other than he has already given.

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Date October 2, 1968

Mrs. BERTHA BRYCE, 5925 Kayron Drive, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at her home and advised that she recalled an Israeli guide by the name of JACOB, last name unrecalled, while a member of the Brownell Tour Number 16. Mrs. BRYCE advised, however, she was unaware of any statement made by JACOB concerning Robert Kennedy and could offer no further information in this matter.

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On 10/2/68 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2412  
by SA JAMES J. ROSE :bjc Date dictated 10/2/68

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Mr. RALPH BRYCE, 5925 Kayron Drive, Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at his home and furnished the following information:

BRYCE acknowledged the fact that he was a member of the Brownell Tour Number 16 which traveled in the Holy Lands between May 14 and 20, 1968. BRYCE readily recalled the tour guide, JACOB HENIGMAN. According to BRYCE, HENIGMAN was an Israeli guide who was responsible for the above tour while in the Holy Lands.

BRYCE stated that HENIGMAN never made any mention to Robert Kennedy in his presence at any time during the above tour. BRYCE stated HENIGMAN made no mention to American politics at all, but did voice his anti-Arab feelings throughout the tour.

BRYCE stated that he recalled a Mrs. RICHIE from an unrecalled town in Georgia as having joined the above tour in the Holy Lands for two days. BRYCE was unaware of any statement made by HENIGMAN to RICHIE concerning Senator Robert Kennedy being shot. BRYCE stated that his contact by the FBI in this matter was the first time he had ever been made aware of any such statement by HENIGMAN and he could offer no further information in this matter.

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On June 5, 1968, PAUL KUIKA, 815 East Angelino, Burbank, California, advised SA JESSE V. MC NULTY that he received a letter from his cousin on May 29, 1968. The letter was written in the Czechoslovakian language and it was written on May 16, 1968. Mr. KUIKA said the letter stated that radio reports indicated that ROBERT KENNEDY was shot. The cousin, whom he identified as a 68 year old widow named LUDMILA VLACIL, resides at Dölčplazý, Olomouc, Moravia, Czechoslovakia. The cousin requested that KUIKA write the details to her. KUIKA said that in view of the advance information concerning the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY which actually occurred on June 5, 1968, this information might be of significance.

The above described letter was obtained from Mr. KUIKA and was forwarded to the FBI laboratory for appropriate translation. The following is the translation of the letter as furnished by the FBI laboratory:

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One-page handwritten letter from:  
Ludm. (ila) Vlacilova (Vlacil)  
Doloplazy u (near) Olomouce  
(CSSR)

To: Mrs. and Mr. (sic)  
Paul Kulka  
815 E. Angeleno Avenue  
Burbank, California

Postmarks: (1) Dolopazy u Olomouce  
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(2) (3) Burbank, California  
May 20, 1968

Translator's Note: Another address is written on the envelope:

665 Harrison Street  
San Francisco  
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My dear ones,

I don't know whether I thanked you or replied to your last dear letter, but if this is the case, it was unintentional, and so now I will thank you twice. I am always very glad when I hear from you and your letters are very dear to me! The day before yesterday I received a letter from Greta Musilova which saddened me very much. Karel is gravely ill, as you know it well yourselves, and there is no hope for his recovery. The doctor gives him one year to live, and this is great suffering,

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not only for him (he doesn't know it) but also for Greta. She has had more than her share of troubles already. I am very sorry for her and think of her all the time. Write to her soon, but in such a way that Karel could read it, too. So, I cannot write all about him (what Greta wrote to me). Mirek finished his course of study and now is waiting for a place (employment). He was here all of April when he finished his studies. He came down with his brother-in-law, who was going to Germany on official business, and so he stopped here, too. I was very pleased, because one never knows whether or not we will see each other again. We talked about you all. Last week he left and I wish very much that he finds something suitable; otherwise I suppose he will return (two illegible words). As you certainly know, things are a little more relaxed here. Freedom is the most precious thing one can have and we (the people) have not even suspected for the whole twenty years what an orgy has been carried on behind our backs. We hope for better times.

They announced over the radio this morning that Robert Kennedy was shot - for God's sake, what is going on - and it always happens to the best ones! When you write to me, Paul, tell me about it. As I became old, I became interested in politics and in everything around me. What about your house? Have you sold it yet? Do not hurry; you would miss it and the garden, and I would lose a pleasant memory about the place where I spent a number of nice days.

Is Lilinka well? I wish you both much health for as long as possible. I already feel my years, slowly but surely.

Irena will possibly fly again with Max to the U.S. for her (?) sons (?). She wrote to me to come with Emily to Vienna for three days. We shall see. Poor people, they have it so uncertain again - such is the world - disgusting!

I give my best regards to your children, also to the Goldsneiders - Tony and Flero (?). I think of you and kiss you.

Ludka (Ludmila).

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IRA KATCHEN, 384 Highland Avenue, Elboron, New Jersey, an attorney with offices at Longbranch, New Jersey, advised the Newark Office of the FBI on July 11, 1968, that on May 14, 1968, he was staying at Hotel Esplanarde in Prague, Czechoslovakia, with his son JULIUS KATCHEN, pianist. He said his son was playing in a recital on May 16 and May 18, 1968, at Prague.

On the morning of May 15, 1968, his son met some friends of his in the Hotel Esplanarde and they heard on the Prague radio that ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot in California. These friends were very upset and were determined to find out what the story was. About an hour later it was determined that this was not true but several people had already heard this on the Prague radio. KATCHEN advised that CHARLES GORDON, head of the Joint Distribution Committee, was killed six months ago in Prague, reportedly by Arabs. He said that he is just assuming that there may be a conspiracy between the killing of GORDON and KENNEDY. He stated he is reporting this only because he believes there is possibly some link between this and the KENNEDY assassination. He stated he has learned that a tape of this broadcast in Prague can be obtained from the manager of the Hotel Esplanarde, where he stayed.

On the same date, ANNA UHLIK, 154 Brookside Avenue, Irvington, New Jersey, also advised the Newark Office of the FBI that on May 21, 1968, she received a letter from her sister, MARIE KADLER, Village of Roster, Post Office in Malesov, County of Kutna Hara, Czechoslovakia, advising that some time prior to May 16, 1968, she had heard over a radio broadcast that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot in the head and was not expected to recover. The letter continued that the next day there was a retraction denoting error in that information over the same radio station. According to ANNA UHLIK the letter gave no further information.

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On June 11, 1968, Colonel MERLE R. PREBLE, United States Army (Retired), and Field Representative of the National Rifle Association, Washington, D.C., furnished the following information to the Washington Field Office of the FBI.

On Thursday, June 6, 1968, Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM PULLUM, United States Army (Retired), who is Officer in Charge, of the United States Army International Rifle Team, United States Army Advance Marksmanship Unit, Fort Benning, Georgia, told PREBLE that ten days to two weeks prior to the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY the team was engaged in international competition in Czechoslovakia with European teams from there and the Soviet Union. PULLUM said that inquiries were made either of his team or of himself, as to whether they had heard of a plot to assassinate KENNEDY prior to the team's departure from the United States. PREBLE speculated that the inquiries could have originated from a GRU representative accompanying the Soviet team.

On June 12, 1968, Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM C. PULLUM, United States Army (Retired), who is employed as coach of the United States Army International Rifle Team, Army Marksmanship Unit, Fort Benning, Georgia, furnished the following information to the Atlanta Office of the FBI.

On May 24, 1968, he was in Stockholm, Sweden, when Colonel ROBERT F. BAYARD, Commanding Officer of the Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, came to him from a shoot in Czechoslovakia. Colonel BAYARD asked PULLUM if he had read in a paper or heard an English broadcast, which BAYARD had heard in Czechoslovakia, that KENNEDY had been shot in the neck. PULLUM said he had not heard anything of this nature and told BAYARD he thought it was a rumor. BAYARD did not relate the exact source of information in Czechoslovakia, and PULLUM could not comment concerning the source.



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Date 7/26/681

Colonel ROBERT F. BAYARD, Commanding Officer, United States Army, Marksmanship Training Unit, Fort Benning, Georgia, furnished the following information:

Colonel BAYARD and members of his shotgun team attended the Grand Prix de Brno at Brno, Czechoslovakia, May 17-18, 1968. On one of the above dates, the head clerk at the Grand Hotel, Brno, Czechoslovakia, where the members of the team were staying, mentioned that he had heard on the radio news that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot, receiving a flesh wound in the neck and was in satisfactory condition. The same information was obtained from the head waiter in the dining room of the Grand Hotel.

The members of the unit attempted to purchase some newspaper that they could read to verify the information and the only newspaper available that they could read was an East German newspaper. A review of this newspaper failed to reflect any story concerning the alleged shooting. Colonel BAYARD and the members of his unit assumed that it was just rumor and that it had no factual basis.

Colonel BAYARD had no further information concerning the statements and was unable to furnish the names of the head clerk at the Grand Hotel or the head waiter.

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On June 7, 1968, Mrs. ANN REEVES, 19 Patricia Lane, Trenton, New Jersey, advised the Newark Office of the FBI that on June 6, 1968, in general conversation with her next door neighbor Mrs. CATHRINE LATOOF concerning the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, Mrs. LATOOF expressed sympathy concerning Senator KENNEDY's death. Mrs. LATOOF indicated to Mrs. REEVES that while visiting her brother JOSEPH HAGE, of New York City, on June 2, 1968, in the company of ANTOINE HAGE a citizen of Haiti, a discussion arose between them concerning Senator KENNEDY's current political campaign. Her brother ANTOINE then expressed surprise concerning the activities ... of Senator KENNEDY, indicating he had heard prior to leaving Haiti that Senator KENNEDY had been shot, or would be shot.

Mrs. LATOOF discounted this statement in New York City, as Senator KENNEDY was then alive. Mrs. REEVES stated she was naturally concerned over the statements of ANTOINE HAGE on June 2, 1968, to his sister and brother, that KENNEDY was dead or would be shot in the light of subsequent events concerning the death of Senator KENNEDY on June 6, 1968.

On June 7 1968, Mrs. CATHRINE LATOOF, 17 Patricia Lane, Trenton, New Jersey, advised the Newark Office of the FBI, that she and her brother left Trenton, New Jersey, on Sunday afternoon June 2, 1968, for New York City, as JOSEPH HAGE was to have surgery at a New York Hospital on East 68th Street. While in New York City on June 2, 1968, she and JOSEPH were joined by their brother ANTOINE HAGE, who had recently arrived from Haiti to visit his brother prior to his operation.

Mrs. LATOOF denied knowing any statement that her brother ANTOINE indicated to her and her brother on June 2, 1968, that he was surprised to hear that Senator KENNEDY was alive and that prior to leaving Haiti, ANTOINE had heard that Senator was shot or was going to be shot.

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The Oklahoma City Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation received a letter from Mrs. EZELL NELSON, Route 1, Amber, Oklahoma, on June 20, 1968. Mrs. NELSON enclosed a personal letter which was written by her son, ABBOTT O. NELSON, Post Office Box 3028, Baghdad, Iraq. The following is a quotation from the letter which was dated June 8, 1968:

"My Dear Mother and Daddy:

"About two weeks ago we heard a rumor that Robert Kennedy had been shot. This second time was not a rumor....."

The remainder of the letter was personal between Mr..NELSON and his parents.

Mrs. NELSON stated that her son was thirty-five years of age and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, in 1955, with a degree in Public Relations in the School of Journalism. She said he was employed by C. BREWER, who has the contract with the Hawaiian Agrinomics (International), home office in Honolulu, Hawaii, for the Iraq project. She said the Iraq project is known as the Amarah Sugar Project, Post Office Box 3028, Baghdad, Iraq, and her son was employed as the Public Relations and Social Director for the project near Amarah, Iraq.

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On June 10, 1968, JIM ADAMS, Instruction Pilot for the Boeing Company, Seattle, Washington, advised the Seattle Office of the FBI that he and a colleague, DON SUPSINSKAS, Instructor, Flight Engineer for Boeing were engaged in making a survey of United Arab Airlines, in May 1968.

ADAMS said he and SUPSINSKAS boarded a United Arab Airlines flight in London for Cairo, by way of Paris and Rome. All crew members were described as being Egyptians. Outside of Paris, the captain of the flight, FALAH OMAR, and a crew member asked ADAMS and SUPSINSKAS what they knew of an attempted assassination on ROBERT KENNEDY. ADAMS said that he and SUPSINSKAS did not know of any attempt. He said when he reached Cairo, he found no information regarding an attempt on the life of ROBERT KENNEDY in Cairo newspapers. He said these newspapers in Cairo were printed in the English language. ADAMS said he reached Cairo at 2:00 a.m. on May 12, 1968. He had no further information to offer regarding this matter.

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On September 12, 1968, JOSEPH STRONG, International Sales Manager, Spencer Laboratories Division, Raytheon Company, Wayside Avenue, Burlington, Massachusetts, advised the Boston Office of the FBI as follows:

On May 18, 1968, he was a passenger on an Alitalia Airlines flight from Rome, Italy, to Beirut, Lebanon, arriving at the above destination around 3:30 p.m. on that date. He recalled that there was only one other first-class passenger on the above flight. He was furnished a business card by this man reflecting his identification as follows:

Said Abdel-Malek  
Sales Manager in Nigeria for  
Middle East Airlines  
Okunola House  
17 Martins Street  
Lagos, Nigeria

Business Telephones: 26832  
24420

Residence: Post Office Box 1117

Telephone: 27057

STRONG stated ABDEL-MALEK was reading an Arabic language newspaper, apparently purchased by him in Rome prior to the flight, and he commented to STRONG about an article in the paper reporting a rumor to the effect that United States Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot. Strong stated that he himself was unable to read the article inasmuch as he could not read or translate Arabic.

STRONG stated he recalled commenting about the article to an unidentified American male later on May 18, 1968, in a bar in Beirut, but he never read or heard anything further in newspapers or on radios concerning the rumor in the days immediately following May 18, 1968.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 9/17/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 10/4/68

Mrs. FRANCES (ALFRED E. EVANS, JR.) EVANS, 11125 Hibbing Street, Cerritos, California, was recontacted and advised that the group discussions at the home of KIM NAFFA were actually by invitation and she could not recall anyone from her Philosophy class being there the night that she believed SIRHAN appeared. She said that she also did not believe that JOHN CANNON, Geography Department, California State, Fullerton, or TED VJARDIS were there as they usually left promptly when the discussion broke up. The group of Jordanians came in after the discussion actually broke up. EVANS noted that NAFFA's wife was Miss Jordan of several years ago and that it was generally recognized that NAFFA is known to probably all Jordanians in this area although it was possible NAFFA did not know SIRHAN. She also said that SIRHAN was not a member of her class nor a member of the discussion group; he just showed up with some other Arabs from Pasadena.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

SAMUEL TOLCH, 7041 Coldwater Canyon, North Hollywood (764-7631) was interviewed at his place of employment, Nardoni Bail Bonds, 948 North Vignes (624-7731), and furnished the following information:

In May 1963, exact date unrecalled, he attended a gathering in support of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. According to TOLCH, this function was originally scheduled to include an appearance by Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, but featured Senator EDWARD KENNEDY when ROBERT KENNEDY was detained campaigning in San Francisco, California.

Shortly after arriving at the Embassy Room at approximately 9:30 p.m., TOLCH observed a dark-complexioned white male individual standing near a hallway leading from the Embassy Room to the kitchen area, approximately 15 feet from the side of the stage. TOLCH further described this individual as being 25 - 30 years of age, approximately 5'5", 140 pounds, thin build, very curly dark hair, and wearing blue jeans and a light colored pullover knit type shirt. Between 9:30 and approximately 11:30 p.m. when TOLCH left the hotel, he walked by the area near the kitchen hall three or four times and observed this individual standing in the same location. According to TOLCH, this individual appeared to be by himself. At no time did TOLCH observe this individual talk with anyone or circulate among the crowd.

TOLCH further advised that, following the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and the publication of photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in local newspapers, he observed a photograph of SIRHAN and immediately recognized it as very closely resembling the above described individual he observed at the Ambassador Hotel in May 1963.

TOLCH was shown additional photographs of SIRHAN, including a photograph taken June 5, 1963, by the Los Angeles Police Department, and, after viewing same, advised that he is certain in his own mind that the individual he observed is identical to the photographs of SIRHAN.

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TOLCH indicated that he does not know of anyone else who observed the above described individual, noting that he went to the hotel by himself.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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8/7/68

Date \_\_\_\_\_

HARRIET LESSNER, 4318 Colbath, Sherman Oaks, California, was interviewed at the Sawyer School of Business, 5352 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, at which time she furnished the following information:

In mid-May 1968, she volunteered to work for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY in the Sherman Oaks area. About ten days before the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, she attended, along with her father and four year old daughter, a rally at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

Just as she was entering the hotel with her daughter, she had conversation with an unknown white male concerning the excitement of her daughter at the prospect of shaking hands with Senator KENNEDY. In the course of this exchange, the man said, "Wouldn't it be something if she lives to tell about it." She thought this comment was very strange and simply said to the man that she certainly hoped her daughter would. After saying this to the man, she went on into the hotel to await the appearance of Senator KENNEDY.

While in the hotel waiting for Senator KENNEDY, she heard rumors that he was to come through the kitchen entrance into the Cocoanut Grove Room. In an effort to get close to the Senator, she went to the area of the kitchen entrance where she again observed the same man who had spoken to her concerning her daughter. The man was wearing a dark jacket and at the time she thought the jacket rather heavy in view of the fact the room was quite stuffy. Also, the man did not have on a tie and did not appear to be dressed for the occasion. Senator KENNEDY did not come through the kitchen entrance and when he did enter the room she lost sight of the man and did not see him again that night.

After the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, she observed photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN on television

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and in the newspapers and was positive that this was the same man who had spoken to her in front of the Ambassador Hotel on the night of the KENNEDY rally.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.Date July 30, 1968

Mrs. CONSTANCE CHANCELLOR, Mt. Riga, Salisbury, Connecticut, was interviewed on July 26, 1968, in Salisbury, where she is vacationing, concerning the Latin type person who inquired of JAMES MC MANUS on May 30, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, regarding Senator KENNEDY's schedule.

Mrs. CHANCELLOR stated she had no recollection whatsoever of being present at the time the inquiry was made of MC MANUS and she was unable to furnish any further information concerning this.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

8/1/68

Mrs. MIRIAM NEVILLE DAVIS was interviewed at her place of employment, Child Care Center, 111 East Dorrance, Compton, California. She advised that she resided at 825 West Elm Street, Compton, telephone No. 635-7820, and that she was born on September 10, 1921, at Bessemer, Alabama.

Mrs. DAVIS advised that on Sunday, June 2, 1968, she was at the Ambassador Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles as a hostess for a reception in honor of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY sponsored by Assemblyman LEON RALPH. She stated that she arrived at the hotel at approximately 7:30 PM and that she and the rest of the individuals at the reception awaited the arrival of Senator KENNEDY in the Cocoanut Grove ballroom until approximately 9:00 PM, at which time Senator KENNEDY arrived. He spoke approximately for five minutes and then left, leaving the hotel by at least 9:30 PM.

Mrs. DAVIS advised that after Senator KENNEDY had left and the crowd had begun to disperse she and her daughter and husband went into the kitchen area on the same floor as the Cocoanut Grove ballroom looking for a place to get a drink of water. She stated that as they approached the kitchen they saw a man sitting on a bar inside the kitchen in dark pants and a T-shirt and she described him as a short, swarthy, bushy-haired individual. Mrs. DAVIS advised that she at first thought this man was a waiter and asked him where the water was and he replied that he did not know. By this she got the impression that he might not have been an employee of the hotel.

Mrs. DAVIS advised that after the assassination of Senator KENNEDY on June 4, 1968, when she saw the pictures on the television and in the newspaper, of the man known as SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, she immediately recognized him as the same man that she had seen in the kitchen. She stated that she was fairly certain that it was the same individual and if it was not that it was someone who certainly looked exactly like SIRHAN.

She advised that she did not attend the rally at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of the assassination and that she did not see the individual in the kitchen at any other time except when the picture appeared in the newspaper.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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9/20/63

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ANTHONY SHIH, a resident of 51 Lurline Street, San Francisco, California, was located and interviewed at the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB). SHIH advised that at the present time he has no local residence, having just arrived at Santa Barbara, California. He stated that on the evening of June 5, 1963, when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, he was also in Los Angeles. SHIH stated that as a matter of fact he was en route to the Ambassador Hotel when several blocks from the hotel he heard the announcement on his automobile radio that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. SHIH stated that he did not know the accused assailant, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. SHIH stated he had no personal knowledge regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

He advised that it was his understanding VALARIE SCHULTE, a student at UCSB, and NANCY WEBBER, who is now NANCY WALLACE, a former student at UCSB, were in or around the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, when Senator KENNEDY was assassinated.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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9/24/68

Date \_\_\_\_\_

STANLEY M. GRUBE, Administrator of Corona Community Hospital, home address 245 East Mission Road, Corona, California, advised that he was not at the Ambassador Hotel on the night that Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was shot. He said he checked in the day after the shooting which was the day Senator KENNEDY died. He was at the Hotel only one night and attended a convention of the American College of Hospital Administrators. He was not at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4 through 5, 1968.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

8/28/68

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

PAUL KHOURY, 175 North Sierra Bonita Avenue, Pasadena, was reinterviewed by SA JOHN M. CALLAGHAN regarding a study of mysticism with SIRHAN SIRHAN. He provided the following information:

He stated that at no time was he ever involved in a study of mysticism with SIRHAN SIRHAN.

KHOURY reiterated that he had only met with SIRHAN SIRHAN on three occasions and that each of these meetings was extremely brief and consisted of little more than saying "hello".

He could not provide any information regarding a person named PAUL who allegedly studied mysticism at one time with SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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The following interviews were conducted in connection with an allegation that SIRHAN SIRHAN was a member of the Organization of Arab Students (OAS).

The statements of ZIYAD IRRAHAIM HUSANI, OAS President, United States and Canadian Chapters and M. SAFOUH AL-AKHRASS, Western States Area Representative of OAS denying any affiliation of SIRHAN SIRHAN with OAS have been previously reported.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 7/3/68

BASSAM F. HOUALLA, 329 North Chapel Street,  
Alhambra, California, furnished the following information:

He is the Chairman of the Organization of Arab Students (OAS), California State College at Los Angeles Chapter. Immediately after the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he conducted a check of his organization's records to determine if SIRHAN SIRHAN had ever been affiliated with that organization. This check did not reflect that SIRHAN SIRHAN had ever been a member or that SIRHAN SIRHAN had ever been on the organization's mailing list.

HOUALLA also contacted FAWAZ ZAIDAN, spokesman for the OAS, Pasadena City College Chapter, and ZAIDAN related that SIRHAN SIRHAN was not a member of the Pasadena Chapter nor was SIRHAN SIRHAN on the Pasadena Chapter's mailing list. ZAIDAN also related that SIRHAN was unknown to the membership of the Pasadena City College Chapter. HOUALLA explained that the OAS Chapter at Pasadena City College is an informal organization comprised of students attending night classes at the college.

According to HOUALLA, the National Headquarters of the OAS, 2929 Broadway, New York, New York, issued a memorandum to all OAS Chapters shortly after the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, advising that SIRHAN SIRHAN was in no way associated with OAS. M. SAFOUH AL-AKHRASS, 911-9th Street, Albany, California, Apartment 57, is the area representative of the National Headquarters of OAS and he, too, shortly after the assassination of Senator KENNEDY, disclaimed any association of SIRHAN SIRHAN and the OAS.

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FAWWAZ H. ZEDAN, 820 Orange Grove Place, South Pasadena, furnished the following information:

He is the chairman of the Pasadena Chapter of the Organization of Arab Students (OAS). This chapter is described by ZEDAN as predominantly a social group and is composed largely of Arab graduates of Pasadena City College. However, this chapter is not officially recognized or affiliated with Pasadena City College.

ZEDAN stated this chapter does not maintain a mailing list and held only three meetings last year. At these meetings, which were held at Pasadena restaurants, the main activities were of a social nature and a formal agenda was not followed.

ZEDAN disclaimed any knowledge of SIRHAN SIRHAN and stated that SIRHAN SIRHAN was not a member of the Pasadena Chapter of the OAS. Nor did SIRHAN SIRHAN ever attend any meeting of the Pasadena OAS.

ZEDAN does believe, however, that his brother, FAWZI ZEDAN, was acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN as they were fellow students at Pasadena City College. FAWWAZ ZEDAN could not describe the extent of his brother's relationship with SIRHAN SIRHAN.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 7/17/68

FAWZI ZEDAN, 555 Tamaric Drive, Pasadena, furnished the following information:

He arrived in the United States from his native Syria on December 5, 1963, at the port of New York under a student visa. He immediately journeyed to California and enrolled at Pasadena City College (PCC) for the Spring semester of 1964.

During the Fall semester of 1964, he met SIRHAN SIRHAN, a fellow PCC student, in the school cafeteria where Arab students frequently congregated. He described his relationship with SIRHAN as a casual acquaintanceship, which was limited solely to the PCC campus or Bob's Coffee Shop which neighbors the PCC campus.

ZEDAN believes SIRHAN SIRHAN left PCC about February 1965, however, SIRHAN would frequently drop by the school cafeteria to pass the time of day with Arab students. On those occasions when ZEDAN observed SIRHAN entering or leaving the cafeteria, SIRHAN was always alone, and ZEDAN did not believe that SIRHAN ever visited the cafeteria to see any particular person.

ZEDAN last saw SIRHAN SIRHAN approximately five days before the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. SIRHAN came into Bob's Coffee Shop while ZEDAN was waiting to be seated, and they engaged in a brief conversation. SIRHAN kidded ZEDAN about still being a student at PCC after five years, and ZEDAN explained that he had graduated but still liked to spend his spare time at Bob's. SIRHAN, who was alone, appeared calm and relaxed to ZEDAN but declined ZEDAN's invitation to coffee and left the restaurant.

ZEDAN reiterated that his friendship with SIRHAN SIRHAN was very casual and based largely on the fact they were of a common ethnic background. On only one occasion did they ever discuss any subject that was not of a light

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nature. Approximately five months after the Arab-Israeli conflict of 1967, SIRHAN approached ZEDAN in Bob's Restaurant and stated, "Well, they lost." Not having seen SIRHAN since prior to the conflict, ZEDAN did not understand SIRHAN's comment, and he asked SIRHAN what he meant. SIRHAN explained, "Back home." ZEDAN then understood SIRHAN to be referring to the conflict but did not comment, except to answer, "Yes." In ZEDAN's opinion, although SIRHAN was smiling, the tone of his (SIRHAN's) voice was bitter, but the conversation ended then, as SIRHAN left the restaurant. Again SIRHAN SIRHAN was alone.

ZEDAN concluded that he was not aware of any close friends or acquaintances SIRHAN SIRHAN might have had. SIRHAN was not a member of the Pasadena Chapter of the Organization of Arab Students (OAS), and SIRHAN did not attend any of the functions sponsored by the OAS.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 8/13/68

STEPHEN FISCH, 329 Conway Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone 272-6738, who is employed as a stock boy at the Safeway Grocery Company, 9467 West Olympic Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, telephone 272-7119, advised the following:

Mr. FISCH acknowledged that he had telephoned the Los Angeles office of the FBI, July 24, 1968, to advise that he had taken photographs of certain crowd scenes during the appearance of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at Temple Isaiah, 10345 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, on the evening of May 20, 1968. He had agreed to make available the negatives of the pictures taken for FBI examination.

Mr. FISCH furnished seven film negative strips which he had taken. He requested that when any examination the FBI may wish to make of the negatives was completed that the negatives be returned to him at his residence address.

Mr. FISCH stated that based on photographs he had seen of SIRHAN SIRHAN in various news media, he had no recollection of seeing any individual resembling SIRHAN SIRHAN at the Isaiah Temple at the time of Senator KENNEDY's speech.

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by SA LESLIE F. WARREN/eb Date dictated 8/8/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 7/29/68

On July 22, 1968, Mrs. GLORIA ILAN, Office Secretary of Temple Isaiah, 10345 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephone 879-2191, advised the following:

Mrs. ILAN said that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had given a speech at Temple Isaiah on the evening of May 20, 1968, sometime between 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. The only films, which she had knowledge of being taken of Senator KENNEDY at that time, were individual shots which contained the bust of Senator KENNEDY. There was some news coverage of the speech and undoubtedly there were some pictures probably taken by the news media of the affair, although Mrs. ILAN had no details as to what specific coverage may have been utilized at the meeting. She said that she would further check into the matter and see if she were able to come up with any known film which might have been taken of the stage area surrounding Senator KENNEDY at the time of his speech.

Mrs. ILAN, on July 23, 1968, said that she had been unable to come up with any source of any film which may have been taken of the stage area during Senator KENNEDY's speech.

She agreed to remain alert for such film.

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Second Lieutenant JEROME E. DYER, <sup>Date</sup> ~~United States Air~~  
Force, Serial Number FV 3205909, stated he is presently assigned  
to the 479th Tactical Fighter Wing, George Air Force Base, Cali-  
fornia. DYER advised he resides at 19989 Highway 18, Apple Valley,  
California, phone 242-2693.

DYER stated he was on leave from the Air Force during  
the first part of June, 1968, and was visiting friends in Elmira,  
New York. He said he traveled from New York to Los Angeles on  
American Airlines, flight number unrecalled, arriving in Los  
Angeles about 2:00 a.m., June 5, 1968. He said he took a bus from  
Los Angeles International Airport to the Los Angeles bus depot and  
a cab from the depot to the Ambassador Hotel.

DYER advised further that the cab driver drove past the  
hospital where Senator KENNEDY was hospitalized. He said there  
was a small crowd in the area around the hospital.

DYER said he arrived at the Ambassador about 2:30 a.m.,  
June 5, 1968, and left for Apple Valley, California about 7:00 a.m.  
the same date. He said he did not observe anything at the hotel  
that appeared unusual during the short time he was a guest.

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by SA CURTIS H. HOLT/kap Date dictated 9/23/68

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/19/681

Mr. C. H. MC INTYRE, 3845 Los Feliz, Los Angeles, California, advised of the following information:

Mr. MC INTYRE advised that he was not at the Ambassador Hotel the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated. He advised he had worked at the Kennedy Campaign Headquarters all day on June 4, 1968, and decided not to attend the events at the Ambassador Hotel that evening.

Mr. MC INTYRE stated that he could supply no information regarding the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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The following interviews of Mr. ADRIAN HOLBERT and Mrs. RUTH HOLBERT, were prompted by an unidentified caller who telephoned the Los Angeles Police Department on June 7, 1968 and advised that he had observed a Rambler automobile bearing California license FOB 091 parked behind the Ambassador Hotel on 7th Street. The caller did not specify what day or night he observed the Rambler, however, he described the occupant as a caucasian or Latin male accompanied by two caucasian or Latin women.

Records of the Department of Motor Vehicles reflect California license FOB 091 was registered to FLORENCE N. SUMMERS, 372 North 1st Street, Blythe, California. On June 28, 1968, MIKE SUMMERS, son of FLORENCE N. SUMMERS, advised he had traded a 1962 Rambler, bearing California license FOB 091, to Ralph's Chrysler Plymouth, 9250 Lakewood Boulevard, Downey, California, on or about May 11, 1968.

On July 22, 1968, PATTY THOMPSON, Ralph's Chrysler Plymouth, advised a 1962 Rambler bearing California license FOB 091 had been sold to Burton's Auto, 14208 Hawthorne Boulevard, on May 12, 1968.

On July 22, 1968, MARY PASSNO, Burton's Auto, advised a 1962 Rambler bearing California license FOB 091 had been sold to RUTH HOLBERT on May 16, 1968.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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8/2/68

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. RUTH HOLBERT, 702 East 121st Street, Los Angeles, California, furnished the following information:

On May 15, 1968, she purchased a 1962 Rambler, California license FOB 091, from Burton Motors, 31st and Figueroa Streets, Los Angeles, paying cash. She purchased this automobile for her private use and only under unusual circumstances does she lend the car to her husband, Mr. ADRIAN HOLBERT, who is the only other member of her family currently residing with her. She maintains the only set of keys for this car. Mrs. HOLBERT stated that on the night of June 4, 1968, she attended choir practice at the Triangular Church of Religious Science, 1938 South Western, Los Angeles, from approximately 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM. After choir practice was completed she immediately returned home and parked the car in front of her residence. At 6:30 AM, June 5, 1968, she left her house for work at the John Wesley County Hospital, 2826 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, and used her automobile for transportation thereto. At that time, Mrs. HOLBERT did not recall anything unusual about her automobile and she is of the opinion that it was parked in the same space she had left it the night before.

Mrs. HOLBERT emphatically denied that either she or her automobile were in the vicinity of the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968, and she could not provide any information regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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JOHN M. CALLAGHAN/JMC/jmb Date dictated 8/2/68

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Mr. ADRIAN HOLBERT, 702 East 121st Street, Los Angeles, California, furnished the following information:

On the night of June 4, 1968, he spent the evening at home watching television and recalls that he viewed the results of the California primary until approximately 1:30 AM. During this time, he dozed off intermittently, but he does recall viewing the news regarding the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

Mr. HOLBERT stated that he did not leave the residence on the night of June 4, 1968, and he did not use his wife's 1962 Rambler for any purpose whatsoever that night.

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Date 9/11/68

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Mrs. NELL RADER, Apartment C, 10717 Victory Boulevard, telephone number 763-7575, furnished the following information:

Mrs. RADER lives by herself at the above address and she is retired. She was recently hospitalized for gallstones and hernia and expects to return to the hospital in the near future for surgery.

In May 1968, Mrs. RADER worked part time, two evenings, as a campaign worker at the Robert Kennedy Campaign Office located on Victory Boulevard near Whitsett Avenue, North Hollywood, California. Mrs. RADER was an enthusiastic supporter of ROBERT KENNEDY for the presidential nomination. On Sunday, June 2, 1968, she went, by herself, to the rally held for ROBERT KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. When she arrived at this rally, she did not feel well. As a result, she did not participate in the activities of this rally at the Ambassador Hotel. Instead, she sat in a chair in the hallway outside of the Cocoanut Grove Room at this hotel by herself. Her chair was not close to the entrance of the Cocoanut Grove Room. She was unable to estimate the distance from the entrance, but was sure she sat on the south side of the hotel. There was a large number of people milling around the lobby and hallway near her. While sitting there, she saw an individual standing by a swinging door who she later believed to be SIRHAN SIRHAN. She based her identification of SIRHAN on numerous pictures she later saw of SIRHAN in the newspapers and on television. This individual was just standing there in the hallway and acted as if he were a waiter at the hotel. The reason Mrs. RADER thought he was a waiter was that he carried a white cloth or towel in his left hand. She was unable to describe this cloth or towel further. After seeing this individual for several seconds he disappeared behind the swinging door. The individual, believed to be SIRHAN, did not talk to her or to anyone else. She was by herself at the time she observed this individual. She had never seen him before and she had no knowledge of SIRHAN or his family.

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On 9/10/68 at North Hollywood, California File # Los Angeles 56-156  
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Later the same evening she saw JOHN GLENN, ANDY WILLIAMS, ROOSEVELT GRIER, and ROBERT KENNEDY and they passed by her. She tried to shake hands with KENNEDY, but was unsuccessful.

Mrs. RADER was not at the Ambassador Hotel on Monday night, June 3, 1968, or the early morning hours of Tuesday, June 4, 1968.

Mrs. RADER furnished the following physical description of the individual she believed to be SIRHAN:

|            |                                                                                                              |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sex        | Male                                                                                                         |
| Race       | White                                                                                                        |
| Age        | Early 20's                                                                                                   |
| Height     | 5'6"                                                                                                         |
| Weight     | 125 pounds                                                                                                   |
| Build      | Slender                                                                                                      |
| Hair       | Black, bushy, covered part of forehead                                                                       |
| Eyes       | Unknown, no glasses                                                                                          |
| Complexion | Medium                                                                                                       |
| Clothing   | Wore a white, buttoned down shirt, open at the collar, faded blue denim trousers and dirty blue tennis shoes |



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In connection with the investigation of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, the Los Angeles Police Department found several items in the vehicle belonging to SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, which was found parked near the Ambassador Hotel on the morning of June 5, 1968 shortly after the assassination took place. One of the items found in the vehicle was a Hollywood Park Race Track parking ticket Number 59600, red in color.

On July 29, 1968, Mr. ANTHONY TREEBOW, Operations Department, Hollywood Park Race Track, advised that he could not determine the exact date that the above-described parking ticket had been used. He stated that the different colors indicated several different days when this ticket might have been used and that the number could not be used to determine exactly the date of its use inasmuch as these numbers were often repeated after a cycle was completed.

Mr. TREEBOW advised that the dates on which red colored parking tickets were used in the present racing season were as follows:

April 16, 1968

April 24, 1968

May 2, 1968

May 10, 1968

May 18, 1968

May 28, 1968

He advised that it was impossible for him to be any more specific concerning the possible dates of the parking ~~ticket in question.~~

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SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS, JR. /yfs - 389 -

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In connection with the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, the Los Angeles Police Department found several items in the car owned by SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. One of these items was a Richfield Oil Company credit card receipt dated May 20, 1968 and bearing license number JWS 093, which is the license number of the car belonging to SIRHAN.

On July 29, 1968, Mr. GLENDON AYERS, Manager of the Richfield Station at 14614 East Dalewood, Baldwin Park, where the above-described credit card receipt was issued, advised that inasmuch as both the hard and flimsy copies of the receipt were found in the car, this would indicate that it had been issued as a cash receipt at the request of the customer. He stated that the number 0377 which was found on the receipt would undoubtedly indicate a \$3.77 purchase and that any other identifying data on the receipt would probably be the date, station number, and initial of the issuing employee.

Mr. AYERS was shown photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and he advised that he did not recall this individual and is sure that he is not anyone who has been a regular or semi-regular customer at that station. He stated that the first time he ever saw the individual in the photograph was when he saw his picture on television following the assassination.

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During the course of the investigation conducted regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, various items of a possible evidentiary value were obtained. These items were forwarded to the FBI for appropriate examinations. The FBI Laboratory identified the items submitted as Questioned (Q) and Known (K).

The following index of the Q and K items is submitted as an aid and ready-reference of the various items identified by the Laboratory.

These items are as follows:

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- Q-1 Spiral notebook bearing green cover captioned "PASADENA CITY COLLEGE"
- Q-2 Spiral notebook bearing brown cover captioned "The SPIRAL NOTE BOOK, 302, REG. U.S. PAT. OFF."
- Q-3 Spiral notebook bearing light green cover captioned "Simpson, INDEXED FILLER, 3 Subjects in One Book, No. 9804"
- Q-4 U.S. Treasury Department envelope bearing hand printed and handwritten notation "RFK Must be disposed of like his brother was.....reactionary"
- Q-5 Seven sheets of spiral notebook paper, further described as follows:
- (A) Sheet bearing handwriting beginning "Slavery - History," ending on reverse side "...cattle Kingdom"
  - (B) Sheet bearing handwriting beginning "Cattle Kingdom began....," and ending on reverse side "...tarrif"
  - (C) Sheet bearing handwriting beginning "Rosecrucian Philosophy"
  - (D) Sheet bearing handwriting beginning "the New epic," and ending on reverse side "...realistic"
  - (E) Sheet bearing handwriting beginning "How to Swing a golf club properly," and bearing handwriting on reverse side beginning "If you decide..."
  - (F) Sheet bearing handwriting beginning "...Your book, Mastery of life," and bearing various handwritten characters on reverse side
  - (G) Sheet of paper bearing handwriting on reverse side beginning "I have often experienced momentary..."
- Q-6 Portion of cardboard sheet bearing handwriting beginning "Jet Spe\_\_\_\_, Rosenc to..."

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- Q-7 Two sheets of paper bearing handwriting and reproductions of typewriting, first sheet beginning "RUSSIAN 1B FINAL L's 14" containing exercise notations 1-10 through 105-128 and second page bearing exercise notations 129-139 through 199-200
- Q-8 Honorable Discharge from California Cadet Corps issued to Sirhan B. Sirhan dated June 13, 1963
- Q-9 Strip of three photographs
- Q-10 May 23, 1968, issue of The Christian Science Monitor, Western Edition
- Q-11 Two-page copy of "THE OPINION, AN INDEPENDENT STUDENT PUBLICATION," dated Friday, March 30, 1962
- Q-12 One-page announcement beginning "MEET A WINNER..."
- Q-13 Pamphlet entitled "MENTAL PROJECTION"
- Q-14 Business card of BORIS YARO, STAFF WRITER, LOS ANGELES TIMES, bearing on reverse side handwritten notation "7469541, 625 W 28th St., L.A."
- Q-15 Photocopy of typewritten document entitled "Biblegram (telegram) to Mc Arthy," bearing handwritten address, "Department of Imigration, Mobile, Alabama," and postmarked "Los Angeles, Calif. PM, 31 May 1968"
- Q-16 Sheet of paper bearing hand printed message "Where is Oswald now that we need him?"
- ALSO SUBMITTED: Letter and envelope postmarked "Los Angeles, Calif., 5 Jun 1968" addressed to Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles, California.
- Q-17 Envelope postmarked "BELLEVUE, PA. JUN 3 PM 1968," bearing typewritten address "NAACP Watts Section Los Angeles, Calif."

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- Q-18 Accompanying piece of paper bearing typewritten message beginning "Kennedy as an attorney general..."
- Q-19 Envelope postmarked "PITTSBURGH, PA. 4B - PM 31 MAY 1968," bearing typewritten address "Director, NAACP Watts Section Los Angeles, Calif."
- Q-20 Accompanying piece of paper bearing typewritten message beginning "KINDLY SEE THAT..."
- Q-21 Metal container, piece of wire and slack particles.
- Q-22 White envelope bearing handwritten address: "EARL WARREN United States Supreme Court Washington (25) D.C.," postmarked "San Francisco, Calif. 25 May 1968 PM"
- Q-23 Campaign literature folder of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY bearing handwritten notation "Somebody shoot this Catholic..." on front page (above two items obtained from U.S. Secret Service, Washington, D.C.)
- Q-24
- Qc24 Photo copy of the shooting roster of the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, Duarte, California, for June 1, 1968 through June 4, 1968, bearing on second page the signature "Sirhan Sirhan"
- Q-25 White envelope bearing handwritten address "President Johnson, White house Washington, D.C.," postmarked "Pekin, Ill June 20 PM 1968 61554"
- Q-26 Sheet of white, ruled paper bearing handwritten message beginning "a man by the name of Frank Quartucci..." and ending "...my family would be in danger"

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- Q27 One reel tape recording of portion of Hilly Rose Show, Station KNEW, Oakland, California.
- Q28 Postcard of the Harrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, bearing address "To Federal Bureau of Investigation, 275 Peachtree St. N.E., Atlanta, Georgia" bearing various handwriting and handprinting notations.
- Q29 Postcard of the Harrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, postmarked "CHICAGO ILL. 3A AM 8 JUL 1968" bearing handwritten address "To F.B.I. 4303 Federal Office Bldg Albuquerque, New Mexico" bearing handwritten and handprinted notations on same side. (It is noted that Q28 and Q29 do not appear to be related to this investigation.)
- Q30 A white envelope bearing printed address "President of the U. S. White House Washington D. C.", and return address "The Gang in Vietnam".
- Q31 Folded letterhead bearing handprinted message beginning "We the gang in Vietnam Feel....." and ending on the second page ".....will get him some kind of way, Sign The Gangs".
- Q32 Airmail envelope postmarked "PARIS 03 LA BOETI 12H 13-6 1968", bearing handwritten address "Edward Kennedy Ted New-York U.S.A."
- Q33 Two-page handwritten letter bearing message in Serbian
- ALSO SUBMITTED: Translation of Q33



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- K-1 Pasadena City College Residence Statement bearing purported handwriting of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN
- K-2 Application for License, California Horse Racing Board, #1094, dated 1/1/66, signed "Sirhan Sirhan"
- K-3 1966 Alien Address Report dated 1/25/66, and 1968 Alien Address Report dated 1/15/68, signed "Sirhan Sirhan"
- K-4 1968 Alien Address Report dated 1/22/68, signed "Saidallah B. Sirhan"
- K-5 1968 Alien Address Report dated 1/15/68, signed "Mary Sirhan"
- K-6 1968 Alien Address Report dated 1/15/68, signed "Adel Sirhan"
- K-7 1968 Alien Address Report dated 1/15/68, signed "Munir B. Sirhan"
- K-8 Information Blank, Pasadena City Schools, Pasadena, California, dated 10/28/58, bearing purported handwriting and hand printing of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN
- K-9 Argonaut Insurance Company check #262013 dated 4/5/68, in the amount of \$1,705.00, payable to Sirhan Sirhan, and endorsed in name of payee
- K-10 ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, handwriting specimen card
- K-11 SAIDALLAH B. SIRHAN, handwriting specimen card
- K-12 SHARIF B. SIRHAN, handwriting specimen card
- K-13 MUNIR BISHARA SIRHAN, handwriting specimen card
- K-14 Application for Rosicrucian Membership bearing purported handwriting and hand printing of Sirhan Sirhan

ALSO SUBMITTED: Pamphlet entitled "Who and What Are The Rosicrucians. Facts at Your Finger Tips"

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- K-15 Two program cards, Pasadena City Schools, Pasadena, California, bearing signatures "Mrs. Mary Sirhan"
- K-16 Cashiers Check #174775, drawn on Crocker-Citizens National Bank, Los Angeles, California, dated 4/12/67, payable to "Sirhan Sirhan" in amount of \$1,705.00 and endorsed in name of payee
- K-17 Pasadena Public Library Card #C13359, bearing handwriting of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN

ALSO SUBMITTED: Library fine slip in the name "SIRHAN SIRHAN" in the amount of \$2.56, bearing stamp date "Apr. 7, 1966" at bottom

- K-18 Burroughs Corporation employment application dated November 7, 1967, bearing handprinting and signature "Sirhan Sirhan"
- K-19 Register of the Rosicrucian Order, bearing on Line 6 the signature "Sirhan Sirhan"
- K-20 One reel tape recording, Number 29033, of interview by the Los Angeles Police Department with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN on 6/6/68.
- K-21 One reel tape recording, Number 29034, furnished by the Los Angeles Police Department.
- Kc-22 Certified photocopy of California Driver's License Number M238847, signed "Sirhan Sirhan"

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The investigation conducted in this matter developed information that SIRHAN B. SIRHAN practiced shooting at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, Duarte, California, as late as June 4, 1968.

A photograph of the original sign-in roster of the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, Duarte, California, for June 4, 1968, was obtained from the Los Angeles Police Department and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory on July 22, 1968, for appropriate examination.

RESULTS OF FBI LABORATORY  
EXAMINATION

REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

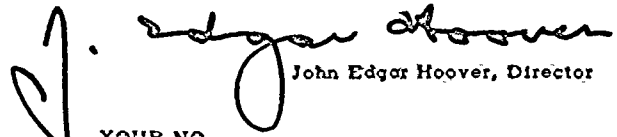
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District Attorney  
600 Hall of Justice  
Los Angeles, California 90012

July 30, 1968

REGISTERED AIRMAIL

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Re: Assassination of  
Senator Robert F. Kennedy

  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR NO.

FBI FILE NO.

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Examination requested by: FBI, Los Angeles

Reference: Letter dated 7/22/68

Examination requested: Document

Specimens: Received 7/24/68, from FBI, Los Angeles

Qc24 Photograph of the shooting roster of the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, Duarte, California, for 6-4-68, bearing signature and address Sirhan Sirhan, 696 E Howard St, Pasa \_" in lower portion of page

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2- FBI, Los Angeles (56-156) Enclosure

**Result of examination:**

The conclusion was reached that the signature and address "Sirhan Sirhan, 696 E Howard St, Pasadena" on Qc24 were written by SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, whose writings and whose purported writings appear on K1 through K3, K8, K14, K18, K19, Kc22, and whose endorsements appear on K9 and K16.

Specimen Qc24 is being returned to FBI, Los Angeles. This specimen has been photographed.

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Investigation in this matter determined that SIRHAN B. SIRHAN practiced shooting at the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club, Duarte, California, prior to the shooting at the Ambassador Hotel. Approximately 40 pounds of shell casings were obtained from the San Gabriel Valley Gun Club.

On August 22, 1968, Sergeant MIKE NIELSEN, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), furnished Special Agent R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR., a copy of LAPD "Analyzed Evidence Report" dated August 12, 1968, which showed that approximately 40 pounds (37,315 in number) of .22 caliber shell casings were examined by the LAPD, Scientific Investigations Division (SID).

• This report is as follows:

# ANALYZED EVIDENCE REPORT

DR 62-522 1-68

|                                      |                                        |                                          |                                        |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| DATE<br><b>8-12-68</b>               | TYPE OF INVESTIGATION<br><b>157 PC</b> | ANALYST<br><b>SUS</b>                    | FIELD CALL<br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| ARRESTEE<br><b>SIDHAN, Sahan</b>     | VICTIM<br><b>KENNEDY, Robert F.</b>    | OFFICER REQUESTING<br><b>Sgt. McGinn</b> | SER. NO.<br><b>983</b>                 |
| LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE<br><b>SUS</b> |                                        | DATE & TIME OCCURRED<br><b>6-1-68</b>    |                                        |

ANALYSIS REQUESTED  
**Comparison of shells**

|                                                          |                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| LOCATION OF PROPERTY<br><b>Received from Sgt. McGinn</b> | PROPERTY BOOKED TO<br><input type="checkbox"/> ARRESTEE <input type="checkbox"/> VICTIM <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

The undersigned is prepared to testify that he is a **Criminalist** employed by the Los Angeles Police Department; that he did on the **15** day of **July** 19 **68** obtain from **Sgt. McGinn** evidence consisting of:  
**Approximately 40 lbs. (37,815) .22 caliber shell casing.**

That he did make an examination and analysis of this evidence and in his opinion:

**I was unable to find any shell casing which was fired from the weapon taken from arrestee Sahan. Sahan (Zver Johnson, 22 caliber revolver #44-53725).**

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|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| DATE ANALYSIS COMPLETED<br><b>8-12-68</b> | DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE<br><b>Returned to Sgt. McGinn</b> |
| SUPERVISOR APPROVING                      | ANALYST (Signature and Serial No.)<br><b>[Signature]</b>  |

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One of the individuals shot by SIRHAN B. SIRHAN at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of the assassination of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was IRA GOLDSTEIN.

On August 22, 1968, Sergeant MIKE NIELSEN, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) made available to Special Agent R. J. LA JEUNESSE, JR. a copy of a LAPD Property Report. This report describes one pair of men's gray trousers (Item Number 144 in the LAPD list of evidence) which were worn by GOLDSTEIN at the time of the shooting.



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2. 696 E. HOWARD PASADENA

RESIDENCE ADDRESS

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4. 4077 HAVENHURST DR, ENCINO

DATE & TIME THIS REPORT

8-19-68 3 PM SWS SWS

**Evidence: BOOK TO ARRESTEE, IF NONE, BOOK TO VICTIM.**

**Found Evidence: BOOK TO OFFICER IF NO ARRESTEE OR VICTIM.**

Found Property: BOOK TO ACTUAL FINDER.

**Safekeeping:** BOOK TO DEPOSITOR, OWNER OR PERSON IN LAWFUL POSSESSION.

(Separate reports are required for each different classification of property)

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BELOW LISTED PROP WAS WORN BY IRA  
BOLD STEIN WHEN HE WAS SHOT BY  
SIRHAN, SIRHAN B. AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL  
PANTS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY M. SHIELDS  
#12382 AT 4077 HAVENHURST ON 6-18-68.

12/4/1 PAIR, MEN'S PANTS GRAY

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On August 9, 1968, the FBI Washington D. C., received from the United States Secret Service, Washington, D. C., an air mail envelope postmarked "PARIS 08 LA BOETI 12H 13-6 1968" bearing a handwritten address "Edward Kennedy-Ted New York, U. S. A."

The envelope contained a handwritten letter bearing a message in the Serbian language. A translation of the message follows immediately hereafter. These documents were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination.

RESULTS OF FBI LABORATORY EXAMINATION



LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE SERVICE  
[Senator Edward M. Kennedy]

Paris (France)  
June 11, 1968

Dear Brother Kennedy:

Oh, dear God, is it possible that such tragic fate must keep befalling the most noble family of the 20th century, the Kennedys. Please follow the following instructions most faithfully, because a big gang has condemned you, too, to death.

1. Make no statements, not even among your friends or your family, because walls have ears too. Keep quiet.
2. Leave America without delay.
3. Do not get in touch with anyone, not even your own wife, until after the elections.
4. Three months after the elections, you may return to your wonderful and unhappy children.
5. You must take as your companion a hapless Serbian.
6. Do not engage in 1969 in any State affairs.
7. You, unhappy brother Ted, have been condemned to death by the same gang that killed your two brothers. They will kill you on the election day this year. I entreat you as God himself to leave America right away, as soon as you receive this letter.

8. You will find out who I am only after the elections, through your sister in Paris.
9. In 1972, you will become the deserving master of heaven and earth, you will become President of the United States.
10. In 1973, you will avenge your brothers and do away with this gang.
11. For four years, the idiot Johnson has refused to let me settle in Chicago. My entire file is at the Embassy. I should like to ask of you that your sister make it possible for me to settle in Chicago, as I am a political emigre. I am an unfinished student, have not completed my studies. I was an agent of Belgrade, Washington, Moscow, Tel Aviv, and Peking. I was born the same year as you, or, perhaps, a year earlier. I was expelled from France, appealed and my appeal was granted. I look very much like you. I am a teacher by profession, and have completed the work in the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Belgrade.
12. Let them get me to America in some way. Your sister can do it. I was sick and because of my illness, I was turned down in 1966. My health has now improved, so let them call me for another physical. Your sister can do this for me.

13. To be frank, I am totally impoverished and without money. Now I clean streets. I should like to ask you, therefore, dear brother Ted, for \$1,000 help.

14. I will get in touch by mail with your sister, the wife of the Ambassador in Paris - I'll use the same green pen and tell her who I am.

The youth of the entire world is grateful to John and Bob Kennedy. May they live in eternal glory, and may the black soil in which they rest forever be light to them.

Long live Ted Kennedy, the avenger of his brothers.

In 1972, we shall triumph together! Keep this letter and follow it exactly. [On reverse of envelope] I am poor and have no money to buy a stamp. Forgive me, brother Ted. [On picture] My deepest sympathy to the Kennedys. 1968. An anonymous Serbian.

Translated by  
V.N. Pregelj  
pbh

REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Los Angeles (56-156)

Date: August 23, 1968

Re: KENSALT

FBI File No. 62-587

Lab. No. D-680816084 AT

Specimens received 8/9/68, from U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C.

Q32 Airmail envelope postmarked "PARIS 08 LA BOETI 12H 13-6 1968," bearing handwritten address "Edward Kennedy - Ted New-York U.S.A."

Q33 Two-page handwritten letter bearing message in Serbian

ALSO SUBMITTED: Translation of Q33

Result of examination:

The questioned writing on Q32 and Q33 was compared with the Anonymous Letter File maintained in the FBI Laboratory without effecting an identification with any prior submission. Copies are being added thereto.

No significant markings were found on Q32 and Q33 which would permit determination of the source of this material.

Q32 and Q33 and the translation of Q33 are being retained in the FBI files. Photographs of Q32 and Q33 are being forwarded to the U. S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C.

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On the date of August 8, 1966, the FBI Headquarters, Washington, D. C., received from the United States Secret Service, Washington, D. C., an anonymous communication on the envelope of which was printed the address "President of the U. S., White House Washington, D. C." and return address "The Gang in Vietnam". The envelope contained a hand-printed message signed by "The Gangs." A true copy of the text of the message immediately follows hereafter.

These documents were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination.

RESULTS OF FBI LABORATORY EXAMINATION

TRUE COPY

"The Gang in Vietnam"

Dear Mr. Johnson

We The Gang in Vietnam Feel That it is Not To Safe To even back To The United State because Everyone is getting Kill Back home, we set and Listen To The News Every day, Today we heard That The Assinate of Robert Kennedy had Plead No Guilty And Think That wrong because we have on The guy in The Gang who were Ther and he saw it, So we fell if he is Freed one of us will Kill him and anyone who get in our way, we hate To See A "INNOCENT" man die For Nothing, So it best you are Some do SomeThing it And Fast because Three of us will Leave here on the 1 of Nov The day his Trial Start, and one of us will get him some Kind of way,

Sign

The Gangs

TRUE COPY

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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Los Angeles (56-156)

Date:

August 15, 1968

FBI File No.

62-587

Re: KENSALT

Lab. No.

D-680814022 AT

Specimens received 8/13/68

- Q30 White envelope bearing printed address "President of The U. S. White House Washington D. C.," and return address "The Gang in Vietnam"
- Q31 Folded letterhead bearing hand printed message beginning "We The Gang in Vietnam Feel . . ." and ending on second page ". . . will get him same kind of way, Sign The Gangs"

## Result of examination:

The hand printing on Q30 and Q31 was compared with the Anonymous Letter File and with the specimens submitted previously in this case without effecting an identification.

No indented writing of value was noted on Q30 and Q31. It was not possible to determine the sources of Q30 and Q31 since there are no watermarks or other identifying characteristics present on these specimens other than the design printed at the top of Q31 which appears on correspondence paper usually available to members of the Armed Forces.

Q30 and Q31 will be retained in the files of the Bureau upon the completion of the fingerprint examination. Appropriate photographs have been made.

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Investigation in this matter revealed that SIRHAN B. SIRHAN was a member of the Rosicrucians and the original application for membership in the Rosicrucians for SIRHAN was obtained. The original application was then forwarded to the Los Angeles Police Department on August 22, 1968.

The following is a report by the Los Angeles Police Department showing receipt of that application:

E68 Los Angeles Police Department  
PROPERTY REPORT 68

CHECK ONE  
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☒ Evidence ☐ Found Evidence ☐ Found Property ☐ Safekeeping

DR 68-521466

1. RESIDENCE ADDRESS  
696 E. HOWARD ST, PASADENA  
2. RESIDENCE ADDRESS  
SAME  
3. SIDENCE ADDRESS  
DECEASED

PERSON PROPERTY BOOKED TO (Last-First-Middle)  
1. SIRHAN, SIRHAN B.  
ARRESTEE'S NAME  
2. SAME  
VICTIM OR OWNER'S NAME

RES. PHONE  
CHARGE  
187PC 49513  
RES. PHONE  
BUS. PHONE

4. 1340 W. 6TH ST, L.A.  
DATE & TIME THIS REPORT  
8-22-68 1:30P  
PROP. DCD. AT  
SUS  
INV. DIV.  
SUS

3. KENNEDY, ROBERT F.  
PERSON REPORTING TO POLICE DEPT. (Last, First, Middle)  
4. LA JEUNESSE, ROGER J. JR.  
DATE & TIME PROPERTY TAKEN INTO POLICE CUSTODY - LOCATION - CITY OR REPORTING DIST.  
8-22-68 1:50P 150 N. LOS ANGELES ST 100

RES. PHONE  
BUS. PHONE  
RES. PHONE  
BUS. PHONE  
DIV. RPTG.  
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TYPE OF PREMISES  
Police Bldg.  
TYPE OF PROPERTY  
MEMBERSHIP APPL.  
DIV. OR CITY & DATE CRIME OCCURRED  
RAM 6-5-68  
LIST ANY CONNECTING REPORTS BY TYPE & CR.  
C-ARR-CRIME EVID

IS THIS STOLEN PROPERTY?  
☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ UNKNOWN  
PROBABLE CRIME  
Prints - Photo - S.I.D. - Other  
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THE BELOW LISTED PROPERTY WAS OBTAINED FROM  
THE ROSICRUCIANS BY R.J. LA JEUNESSE, FBI  
SPECIAL AGENT.  
LA JEUNESSE GAVE THIS DEPT BELOW PROP ON 8-22-68  
AT APPROX 1:30PM.  
BELOW PROP BOOKED EVID, SUS PROP

146 1 ORIGINAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR ROSICRUCIANS  
BY SIRHAN B. SIRHAN

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